

IAAF/VTB Bank Continental Cup • Biographical Summaries

Men's 200 Metres

Sep 5 / 19:15

2010 World Best:	19.56	Usain Bolt JAM	Kingston	1 May 10
<i>Straight Track:</i>	19.41	Tyson Gay	Manchester	16 May 10
Meeting Record:	19.87	Wallace Spearmon USA	Athens	17 Sep 06

Bib: Name on front, number on back
 Vest colours:
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 AME – Dark Blue, red and white
 APA – Green
 EUR – Light Blue, orange and white

			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	600	MARTINA Churandy AME / Americas (AHO)	26y	63d		20.08	20.08 -10
<p>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 100 pb: 9.93 -08 (9.92w, 10.03 -10). 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 2005/2009 (2003-ht); 1 Central American & Caribbean Games 100 2006/2010 & 200 2010; 1 Pan-Am Games 100 2007; 5 WCH 100/200 2007; 4 OLY 100 2008 (200-dq); qf WCH 100 2009; sf WIC 60 2010. In 2008 he "won" a televised sprint race at 30m against a row of toppling dominoes, clocking 3.81 In 2010: 3sf WIC 60; 1 El Paso 100 (2 200); 4 Kansas Relays 100; 1 Ponce 100; 5 Shanghai Diamond 200; 1 Hengelo 100; 3 Oslo Diamond 100; 7 New York Diamond 100; 7 Eugene Diamond 200; 2 Lausanne Diamond 200 (3 100); 5 Gateshead Diamond 200; 6 Paris Diamond 100; 1 Central American & Caribbean Games 100/200 (3 4x100); 2 London Diamond 200 (ht 100); 7 Zurich Diamond 200</p>							
2,	832	SAIDY NDURE Jaysuma EUR / Europe (NOR)	26y	65d		20.29	19.89 -07
<p>Gambian and now Norwegian record holder at 100m & 200m ... became a Norwegian citizen in December 2006, they call him "Jays" 100 pb: 9.98w, 10.10 -10. ht WJC 200 2002; qf COM 200 2002; ht WCH 200 2003; 3 African Champs 100 2004; qf OLY 100/200 2004; sf WCH 200 2005 & 100 2009; sf COM 200 2006; sf OLY 200 2008 (qf 100). 1 Norwegian 100/200 2007 (1 100 2008). Has lived in Norway since 2001 (his home is 10km from Bislett stadium) ... passion for football – "I love watching the English Premier League" ... Coaches-Olav Tveita & Benjamin Jensen In 2010: 3 Mt SAC Relays 200; 6 Doha Diamond 100 (10.00w after 9.98w heat); 1 Florø 100/200; 7 Oslo Diamond 100; 4 Rome Diamond 100; 8 Eugene Diamond 200; 3 Gateshead Diamond 200 (5 100); 5 ECH 200 (6 100); 3 London Diamond 200 (dq 100); 5 Zurich Diamond 200; 7 Rieti 100; 5 Zagreb 100</p>							
3,	511	SEOUD Amr Ibrahim Mostafa AFR / Africa (EGY)	24y	87d		20.36	20.36 -10
<p>2007 World Student Games Champion & 2010 African Champion at 200m ... Egyptian record holder at 100m & 200m 100 pb: 10.30 -09. ht WIC 60 2003; sf World Youth 200 2003 (ht 100); 4 African Games 200 2006; 1 WSG 200 2007 (7 100); qf WCH 200 2007 (2009-ht); qf OLY 200 2008; 1 African Champs 200 2010 (4 100). At the 2007 World Student Games he was fifth in the initial staging of the 100m final which was annulled because of a false start by another athlete. Therefore he forfeited a personal best of 10.40 from that race. He went on to place seventh in the re-run before winning the 200m final In 2010: 1 Pueblo 100/200; 1 Greeley 100/200; 2 Mt SAC Relays 200 (1 100 'B'); 1 Fort Collins 400; 2 Brazzaville 200 (3 100); dnf Rabat 200; 2 Uden 100; 1 Rhede 100; 3 Bottrop 100; 1 African 200 (4 100)</p>							
4,	724	FUJIMITSU Kenji APA / Asia-Pacific (JPN)	24y	127d		20.38	20.38 -10
<p>Anchored Japan to fourth place in the 2009 World Championships sprint relay final 100 pb: 10.40 -10. 3 World Youth Medley Relay 2003 (sf 200); 1 Asian Champs 200 2007; 4 WCH 4x100 2009 (qf 200); 1 East Asian Games 200 2009. 1 Japanese 200 2010 In 2010: 2 Izumo 100; 1 Hiroshima 100 'B'; 2 Fukuroi 200; 4 Osaka 200; 1 Niigata 100/200; 1 Japanese 200; 5 Rovereto 100 'B'</p>							
5,	635	SPEARMON Wallace AME / Americas (USA)	25y	254d		19.79	19.65 -06
<p>2006 WORLD CUP WINNER (ahead of Usain Bolt) 2005 World silver at 200m and bronze in 2007 & 2009 ... holds world indoor best at 3000m (31.88 -06) 19.77w-10. 100 pb: 9.96 -07 (10.15 -10). 400 pb: 45.22 -06. 2 WCH 200 2005 (2007/2009-3); 1 WCP 200 2006; 1 WCH 4x100 2007; dq OLY 200 final 2008 for running out of his lane (originally third in 19.95 – "I learned my lesson, but I could have picked a better place to do that"). 1 US 200 2006; 1 NCAA 200 2004/2005 (1 indoor 200 2005). His father Wallace Spearmon senior was 20.27 200m runner who reached the semi-finals of the US Olympic Trials in 1984 & 1988 ... coaches-Alleyne Francique & Pat Henry ... studied Kinesiology (Human Movement) at the University of Arkansas ... plays the piano In 2010: 3 Waco 'B'; 1 Drake Relays 200; 2 Kingston 200 (May 1); 1 Houston 100; 1 Atlanta 200; 1 California Relays 200 (2 100); 1 Rabat 200; 2 Rome Diamond 200; 1 US 200 (beat Walter Dix) (4 100); 2 Gateshead Diamond 200; 3 Nuoro 100; 3 Lignano 100; 3 Monaco Diamond 200; 1 Lucerne 200 (2 100 'B'); 1 London Diamond 200 (7 100); 1 Zurich Diamond 200 (19.79, he won the "Diamond Race"); 1 Dubnica nad Váhom 200; 1 Rieti 200 (19.85)</p> <p>"I do not know why I am always better at the end of the season"</p>							
6,	822	MALCOLM Christian EUR / Europe (GBR)	31y	94d	1979	20.38	20.08 -01
<p>So near (0.01) to becoming European Champion at 200m in 2010 ...fifth at 200m in Sydney 2000, Edmonton 2001 & Beijing 2008 100 pb: 10.09w, 10.11 -01 (10.15w, 10.41 -10).. 1 EJC 200/4x100 97 (2 100); 1 WJC 100/200 98; 2 COM 200 98 (sf 100); 2 under-23 ECH 200 99 (=2 200, 1 4x100); 1 EIC 200 2000 (2002-2); 1 ECP 200 2000/2004 (2003-2); 5 OLY 200 2000/2008 (2004-sf); 2 WIC 200 2001; 5 WCH 200 2001 (6 100); 8 COM 200 2002 (ht 100 2006); sf WCH 200 2003/2005; 3 WCH 4x100 2005/2007; 2 ECH 200 2010 (2002-4). 1 AAA 200 2004 & UK 200 2008/2010. Youngest of family of 3 (2 older sisters) ... coach-Dan Pfaff (formerly Linford Christie) In 2010: 6 Loughborough 'international' 100; 1 Regensburg 200 'C'; 1 Welsh 100; 1 UK 200 (4 100); 1 La Chaux-de-Fonds 200; 6 Glasgow "Super8" 100; 2 ECH 200; 8 London Diamond 200 (ht 100); 3 Zurich Diamond 100 4x100</p>							
7,	504	MEÏTE Ben Youssef AFR / Africa (CIV)	23y	298d		20.39	20.37 -09
<p>2010 African Champion at 100m ... did sprint double at 2010 Francophone Games 100 pb: 10.08- 01. ht World Youth 100/200 2003; 1 West African 100 2005; qf WCH 200 2009 (ht 100); 1 Francophone Games 100/200 2009; ht WIC 60 2010; 1 African Champs 100 2010 (2 200) In 2010: 4ht WIC 60; 1 Castres 100/200; 1 African 100 (2 200); 6 Lucerne 100; 7 Berlin 100</p>							

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DAVIES Matt APA / Asia-Pacific (AUS)

25y 140d

20.54

20.54 -10

Anchored Australian relay team which just missed out (by one place) on the final at the 2009 World Championships

100 pb: 10.23 -10. ht WJC 100/200 2004. 2 Australian 200 2009 & 100 2010

In 2010: 1 Brisbane 200 (Jan 16); 1 Brisbane 200 (2 100) (Feb 6); 1 Perth 200 (2 100); 1 Sydney 200 (2 100); 1 Melbourne 200 (3 100); 2 Australian 100; 7 Zurich Diamond; 4 Dubnica nad Váhom 200 'B'; 5 Rieti 200

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Men's 800 Metres

Sep 5 / 20:00

2010 World Best: 1:41.01 David Rudisha KEN Rieti 29 Aug 10
(Pacer at 400m: 48.20; David at 600m: 1:14.59)

Meeting Record: 1:43.83 Antonio Manuel Reina ESP Madrid 21 Sep 02

Two world records in a week by Rudisha. No-one has ever done that before at 800m, and in between he won the Diamond Race in Brussels!

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			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	823	RIMMER Michael EUR / Europe (GBR)	24y	214d		1:43.89	1:43.89 -10
<p>5x UK Champion ... 2010 European silver ... 1500 pb: 3:41.1 -10. 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 2007/2009; sf OLY 2008; 2 ETCh 2010. 1 AAA 2006 & UK 2007/2008/2009/2010. Coach-Norman Poole (trains with Tom Lancashire among others)</p> <p>In 2010: 1 Stretford 1500; 2 Dakar; 1 Stretford BMC; 6 Doha Diamond; 7 Ostrava; 4 Oslo Diamond; 2 ETCh (gave Borzakovskiy a hard race); 1 UK; 5 Lausanne Diamond (1:44.49, now 8th on UK all-time list); 2 ECH; 2 Stockholm Diamond (he was briefly disqualified for running on the infield, then re-instated on appeal when it was demonstrated that he had been pushed); 8 London Diamond; 4 Rieti</p>							
2,	516	WOLA Shiferaw AFR / Africa (ETH)	21y	194d		1:46.39	1:46.39 -10
<p>1500 pb: 3:37.41 -10. sf WJC 2008; 4 African Champs 2010 (2008-5)</p> <p>In 2010: 1 Khartoum 1500; 2 Marseille 1500; 6 Montreuil; 9 Sotteville; 4 African</p>							
3,	716	ALI Belal Mansoor APA / Asia-Pacific (BRN)	26y	323d		1:44.80	1:44.02 -07
<p>TRANSFEREE – Formerly: John Yego KEN</p> <p>World & Olympic finalist at 1500m</p> <p>1500 pb: 3:31.49 -07 (3:34.98 -10). 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 & 800 2010; 7 OLY 1500 2008 (sf 800); 9 WCH 1500 2009 (sf 800). At WXC: 2005-10J, 2006-21J. 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 investigated by the IAAF for alleged age manipulation, but cleared of all charges in November 2006</p> <p>In 2010: 5ht WIC 800; 4 Rabat 1500; 9 Eugene Diamond Mile 'B'; 11 Lausanne Diamond; 2 Heusden 800; 1 Liège 800; 8 Monaco Diamond 800; 7 Berlin 800; 1 Lille 800; 9 Brussels Diamond 800; 2 Zagreb 800</p>							
4,	636	SYMMONDS Nick AME / Americas (USA)	26y	249d		1:43.76	1:43.76 -10
<p>Sixth at World Championships indoors & out ... 1500 pb: 3:40.33 -10. 6 WIC 2008 (2010-dq ht); sf OLY 2008; 6 WCH 2009 (2007-sf). 1 US 2008/2009/2010 & Indoor 2007/2010. He can speak Spanish ... graduate of biochemistry from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon ... coach-Frank Gagliano</p> <p>In 2010: 1 US indoor; dq/ht WIC; 2 Ponce 1500; 2 New York Diamond; 1 US; 3 Eugene Diamond 1000; 6 Paris Diamond; 6 Monaco Diamond; 5 Stockholm Diamond; 3 London Diamond; 3 Rieti; 1 Zagreb</p>							
5,	835	LEWANDOWSKI Marcin EUR / Europe (POL)	23y	84d		1:44.10	1:43.84 -09
<p>2010 European Champion ... 1500 pb: 3:40.38 -10. 7 EJC 1500 2005; 4 WJC 2006; 8 WSG 2007; 2 ECP 2008; sf OLY 2008; 6 EIC 2009; 8 WCH 2009; 3 ETCh 2010; 1 ECH 2010. At WXC: 2006-90 short. 1 Polish 1500 2008. He was advanced to the 2009 world final after having been tripped up in the semi-finals ... coached by his older brother Tomasz who clocked 1:51.00 for 800m in 2003</p> <p>In 2010: 1 Pliezhausen 600 (Polish best 1:15.77); 3 Ostrava; 2 Hengelo; 3 Oslo Diamond; 1 Bydgoszcz; 3 ETCh; 4 Lausanne Diamond; 1 Polish 1500; dq Paris Diamond (ran on infield, he had originally placed third in 1:44.40 ahead of Bram Som); 1 ECH; 1 Stockholm Diamond; 1 Dubnica nad Váhom 1000; 4 Brussels Diamond; 5 Rieti</p>							
6,	521	RUDISHA David AFR / Africa (KEN)	21y	261d		1:41.01	1:41.01 -10
<p>Full name-David Lekuta Rudisha</p> <p>New world record holder... twice African Champion</p> <p>400 pb: 45.50 -10. 1 WJC 2006 (4 4x400); 1 African junior 2007; 1 African Champs 2008/2010; sf WCH 2009. 1 Kenyan 2009/2010. His father Daniel Rudisha anchored Kenya to silver medals in the 1968 Olympic 4x400m (with a 44.0 split). His 1500m pb of 3:54.09 dates back to 2007, set in his district championships decathlon where he no-heighted in the pole vault ... coach-Colm O'Connell</p> <p>In 2010: 1 Melbourne (Feb 20); 3 Sydney 400 (pb 45.50); 1 Melbourne (1:43.15); 1 Doha Diamond (1:43.00); 1 Ostrava (1:44.03); 1 Oslo Diamond (1:42.04); 1 Kenyan (1:44.23); 1 Lausanne Diamond (1:43.25); 1 Heusden (1:41.51); 1 African (1:42.84 at altitude and with no pacemaker); 1 Berlin (world record 1:41.09); 1 Brussels Diamond (1:43.50, he won the "Diamond Race"); 1 Rieti (world record 1:41.01)</p> <p>18 successive wins at 800m (14 finals & four preliminaries), his last loss was in the semi-finals at the World Championships on August 21, 2009 when he was eliminated</p>							
7,	705	GREGSON Ryan APA / Asia-Pacific (AUS)	20y	132d		1:46.04	1:46.04 -10
<p>In Monaco 2010 broke the Oceanian 1500m record which had stood to Simon Doyle since 1991</p> <p>1500 pb: 3:31.06 -10. Mile pb: 3:52.24 -10. 3000 pb: 7:57.45 -09. 5 World Youth 1500 2007; 4 WSG 1500 2009; ht WCH 1500 2009. 1 Australian 1500 2010. At WXC: 2009-24J. Australian Junior Mountain Running Champion 2007. Coach-Ian Hatfield</p> <p>In 2010: 1 Newcastle 800; 1 Hobart 1500; 1 Sydney 1500; 2 Melbourne 800; 1 Christchurch 1500; 1 Australian 1500; 1 Eugene Diamond Mile 'B'; 1 Nuoro 800; 5 Monaco Diamond 1500 (pb down from 3:35.42 to 3:31.06 – "I don't know how I did it."); 5 London Diamond Mile; 3 Dubnica nad Váhom 1000</p>							
8,	604	DAVIDE Kléberson AME / Americas (BRA)	25y	47d		1:44.71	1:44.65 -09
<p>400 pb: 46.48 -10. sf WJC 800 2004; 1 South American 800 2007 (2009-2); 2 Pan-Am Games 800 2007; sf WCH 800 2007 (2009-ht); ht OLY 800 2008; ht WIC 800 2010; 2 Ibero-American 800 2010. 1 Brazilian 800 2008/2009</p> <p>In 2010: 1 Braganca Paulista 1500; 1 Rio 800 (Feb 28); 3ht WIC 800; 2 São Paulo 800; 1 Piracicaba 400 (3 800); 1 Río 800 (May 23); 1 Uberlândia 400; 1 Maringá 800; 2 Ibero-American 800</p>							

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2010 World Best: 7:28.70 Tariku Bekele ETH Rieti 29 Aug 10
Meeting Record: 7:32.19 Craig Mottram OCE Athens 17 Sep 06

We're missing one representative from Asia-Pacific

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1,	715	ST. LAWRENCE Ben APA / Asia-Pacific (AUS) 5000 pb: 13:25.88 -09 (13:26.91 -10). At WXC: 2008-126. 1 Australian 5000 2010 In 2010: 1 Newcastle 3000; 2 Hobart 5000; 4 Melbourne 5000; 1 Christchurch 5000; 1 Australian 5000; 7 New York 10K; 10 Ostrava 3000; dnf Montreuil 5000; 3 Watford BMC 1500; 1 Sollentuna 5000; 1 Cork 3000	28y	302d		7:49.28	7:49.28 -10
2,	629	LAGAT Bernard AME / Americas (USA) 2007 World Champion at 1500m & 5000m ... twice World Indoor Champion at 3000m... 2000 Olympic 1500m bronze & 2004 silver for Kenya, now representing the USA 5000 pb: 12:54.12 -10. Mile pb: 3:47.28 -01 (3:54.36 -10). 1500 pb: 3:26.34 -01 (3:32.51 -10). 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 2004/2010 (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 2010: 4 Birmingham 1500; 1 US indoor 3000; 1 WIC 3000; 2 Drake Relays; 3 Ostrava 3000 (pb 7:32.49); 3 Oslo Diamond 5000 (US record 12:54.12); 5 New York Diamond 1500; 1 US 5000; 9 Eugene Diamond Mile; 1 Tangiers 1500; 7 Monaco Diamond 1500; 1 London Diamond 3000; 7 Berlin 3000; 2 Rieti 3000 (US record 7:29.00)	35y	267d		7:29.00	7:29.00 -10
3,	834	DEMCZYSZAK Mateusz EUR / Europe (POL) 1500 pb: 3:38.72 -10. 3000SC pb: 8:26.31 -10. 5 EJC 3000SC 2005; 9 under-23 ECH 3000SC 2007; 8 ECH 1500 2010. At EXC: 2005-74J, 2008-25u23 In 2010: 1 Polish indoor 1500/3000; 1 Polish short course XC; 4 Pliezhausen 1000; 4 Rehlingen 3000; 3 Dessau 1500; 1 Zgorzelec 800; 3 Warsaw 1500; 6 Prague (Odlozil Memorial) 3000SC; 4 ETCh 1500; 3 Wattenscheid 1500; 4 Moscow "Open" (Jun 29) 3000SC; 2 Polish 1500; 8 ECH 1500	24y	230d		7:57.18	7:57.18 -10
4,	523	YATOR Vincent AFR / Africa (KEN) Full name-Vincent Kipsegechi Yator 2010 Kenyan Champion at 5000m ... 5000 pb: 13:04.50 -10. 3000SC pb: 8:29.07 -09. 6 WJC 5000 2008; 2 African 5000 2010. 1 Kenyan 5000 2010 In 2010: 2 Kenyan Police XC; 14 Kenyan XC; 3 "Great" Edinburgh 10K; 2 Nijmegen 5000; 14 Hengelo 3000; 1 Kenyan 5000; 2 African 5000; 10 Stockholm Diamond 5000; 8 Zurich Diamond 5000	21y	56d		7:54.01	7:46.34 -09
5,	737	BLINCOE Adrian APA / Asia-Pacific (NZL) 1500 pb: 3:35.50 -05. Mile pb: 3:54.40 -03. 5000 pb: 13:10.19 -08 (13:26.10 -10). ht WJC 5000 98; sf WCH 2003/2005; 10 COM 1500 2006; 8 WCP 5000 2006; ht OLY 5000 2008; ht WIC 1500 2010. 1 NCAA indoor 3000 2002. At WXC: 98-67, 2001-57 short, 2003-41 short, 2005 -69 short. Ran 3:49.95 downhill road mile in 2003 In 2010: 6 Sydney 1500; 3 Melbourne 5000; 5ht WIC 1500; 1 Haddonfield 5K; 4 Lucerne 3000; 10 London Diamond 3000; 2 Joensuu Mile; 9 Rieti 3000	30y	305d	1979	7:46.38	7:46.38 -10
6,	613	PIEDRA Byron AME / Americas (ECU) 2007 South American Champion at 1500m ... Ecuadorian record holder at 800m, 1500m & 3000m 800 pb: 1:46.55 -08. 1500 pb: 3:37.88 -07. 5000 pb: 13:38.82 -10. ht OLY 800 2004; 1 South American 5000 2005/2009 & 1500 2007/2009; 3 Pan-Am Games 1500 2007; ht WCH 1500 2007/2009; 1 Ibero-American 3000 2008 (2 1500); ht OLY 1500 2008; 2 WSG 5000 2009; ht WCH 5000 2009. At WXC: 2000-87J, 2004-63 short In 2010: 1 Cuenca 15K; 1 Fortaleza 1500; 3 Belém 3000; 7 Rio 5000	28y	17d		7:47.06	7:47.06 -10
7,	813	SMAÏL Noureddine EUR / Europe (FRA) Born-Relezen (Algeria) ... 3000SC pb: 8:22.67 -10. 5000 pb: 13:32.15 -10. 1500 pb: 3:42.40 -09. 8 WJC 5000 2006; ht EIC 3000 2009; 2 under-23 ECH 5000 2009; 5 ECH 5000 2010. 1 French 5000 2008/2009. At EXC: 2005-64J, 2006-11J, 2008-64u23. Coach-Ludovic Baeugrad In 2010: 12 Rabat 5000; 3 Carquefou 5000; 1 French 5000; 12 Paris Diamond 3000SC; 5 ECH 5000; 6 Gothenburg 3000SC	23y	211d		7:55.70i	7:53.34 -09
8,	512	BEKELE Tariku AFR / Africa (ETH) 2006 World Junior Champion at 5000m ... younger brother of Kenenisa 5000 pb: 12:52.45 -08 (12:53.97 -10). 1500 pb: 3:37.26 -08. 2 World Youth 3000 2003; 1 WJC 5000 2006 (2004-3); 3 African Games 5000 2007; 5 WCH 5000 2007 (2005-7); 1 WIC 3000 2008 (2006-6, 2010-4); 6 OLY 5000 2008; 6 African Champs 5000 2010. 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 2010: 4 WIC 3000; 2 Dakar 3000; 2 Oslo Diamond 5000; 4 Rome Diamond 5000; 1 Eugene Diamond 5000; 4 Gateshead Diamond 5000; 6 African 5000; 1 Zurich Diamond 5000; 1 Berlin 3000; 1 Rieti 3000	23y	189d		7:28.70	7:28.70 -10
Only sixth at the African Championships, but three big wins since then							
9,	618	BORREGO Diego Alberto AME / Americas (MEX) 5000 pb: 13:27.26 -10. 13 World Youth 3000 2005; 11 WJC 5000 2006; 15 WSG 5000 2009. At WXC: 2006-47J In 2010: 3 Mt SAC Relays 5000; 3 Mexican 1500 (4 5000); 4 Ibero-American 1500; 13 Huelva 5000; 1 North/Central American & Caribbean under-23 5000	22y	239d		-	8:10.79 -05

- 10, 829 **MEUCCI Daniele** EUR / Europe (ITA) 24y 333d **8:07.64** **7:50.53 -09**
 2010 European 10,000m bronze ... 5000 pb: 13:24.38 -10. 10,000 pb: 28:08.4 -08 (28:18.56 -10). Half Mar pb: 62:43 -09. dnf WJC 10,000 2004; 10 ECH 10,000 2006; 3 under-23 ECH 10,000 2007; 3 ETCh 3000 2009; ht WCH 5000 2009; 18 World Half Mar 2009; 5 ETCh 5000 2010; 3 ECH 10,000 2010 (6 5000). 1 Italian 5000 2007 10,000 2006/2007 (1 5000 2008). 1 Italian indoor 3000 2008/2009. At WXC: 2008 -99. At EXC: 2004-48J, 2008-12, 2009-9. Born-Pisa ... coach-Luigi Principato
 Marathon (1): 11 Rome 2010 (2:13:49)
 In 2010: 1 Monteforte d'Alpone; 1 Catania; 5 Ostia Half Mar; 11 Rome Marathon; 2 Rieti 10,000; 3 Florence 5000; 8 European Cup 10,000; 5 ETCh 5000; 1 Italian 10,000 (3 5000); 3 ECH 10,000 (6 5000); 13 Berlin 3000
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- 11, 544 **KIPSIRO Moses** AFR / Africa (UGA) 24y 3d - **7:30.95 -09**
 Second in 2009 World Cross Country Championships ... 2007 World bronze at 5000m but then fourth in Beijing 2008 & Berlin 2009
 5000 pb: 12:50.72 -07 (13:00.15 -10). 10,000 pb: 27:15.44 -09 (27:33.37 -10). 7 COM 5000 2006; 1 African Champs 10,000 2006 (3 5000); 3 WCH 5000 2007 (2005-ht, 2009-4); 4 OLY 5000 2008; 2 African 10,000 2010 (4 5000). At WXC: 2003-18J, 2005-21J, 2006-29 short & 23 long, 2007-dnf, 2008-13, 2009-2, 2010-3 ... second of seven children
 In 2010: 1 Ugandan XC; 6 San Juan 10K; 3 WXC; 2 Bangalore 10K; 3 Rome Diamond 5000; 5 Gateshead Diamond 5000; 2 African 10,000 (4 5000)

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Men's 3000m Steeplechase

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2010 World Best: 8:00.90 Brimin Kipruto KEN Paris 16 Jul 10
Meeting Record: 8:19.09 Saif Saaeed Shaheen ASI Athens 17 Sep 06

No second representative for Americas or Asia-Pacific teams

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1,	811	MEKHISSI Mahiedine EUR / Europe (FRA)	25y	174d		8:02.52	8:02.52 -10
<p>2008 Olympic steeplechase silver, he nearly beat all the Kenyans ... voted Athlete of the Year in France for 2008, but injured at the wrong time (in Berlin) in 2009 1500 pb: 3:35.06 -09 (3:35.24 -10). ht WJC 2004; 8 ECP 1500 2006; 8 WCP 1500 2006; 1 under-23 ECH 2007; ht WCH 2007/2009; 1 ECP 2008 (2007-2); 2 OLY 2008; 8 WIC 1500 2010; 1 ECH 2010. At WXC: 2004-61J. 1 French 2008. Graduate of Commerce ... 5th of 10 children ... coach-Farouk Madaci ... 1.90 tall In 2010: 8 WIC 1500; 1 Reims 3000; 6 Hengelo 3000; 1 Rabat; 1 Tomblaine 1500; 1 Reims (set world best 5:10.68 to break Bob Tahri's mark from five days earlier); 2 French; 1 ECH; 8 Zurich Diamond; 3 Lille 1500; 1 Brussels Diamond (2nd on European all-time list)</p>							
2,	519	MATELONG Richard AFR / Africa (KEN)	26y	326d		8:06.44	8:00.89 -09
<p>Full name-Richard Kipkemboi Matelong Twice African Champion ... 2009 World silver ... 2007 World bronze ... 2008 Olympic bronze 1 African Champs 2008/2010 (2004-2); 3 OLY 2008; 2 WCH 2009 (2007-3). 1 Kenyan 2010. At WXC: 2007-dnf (fell), 2010-7. He has the rank of Constable in the Kenyan Police where he is a PT instructor based in Nyeri ... wife-Ruth Chepkemai, their son Kipchumba born 2006 In 2010: 6 Kenyan XC; 7 WXC; 3 Dongio 10K; 4 Doha Diamond; 4 Hengelo; 2 Rabat; 1 Kenyan; 5 Lausanne Diamond; 5 Paris Diamond; 1 African; 5 Zurich Diamond; 1 Lille</p>							
3,	717	TAHER Tareq Mubarak APA / Asia-Pacific (BRN)	23y	278d		8:17.21	8:06.13 -09
<p>TRANSFEREE – Formerly: Dennis Kipkurui Keter KEN Found guilty of lying about his age in order compete at world championships as a youth and a junior 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 2007 (2009-10); 11 OLY 2008; ht WIC 3000 2010. At WXC: 2005-9, 2006-dq (originally 19th) 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 In 2010: 8ht WIC 3000; 13 Doha Diamond; 4 Daegu; 4 Stockholm Diamond; dnf Lille; 10 Brussels Diamond</p>							
4,	625	HULING Dan AME / Americas (USA)	27y	51d		8:13.29	8:13.29 -10
<p>Made his breakthrough from 8:20.84 to 8:14.69 at Brussels 2009 ... 3000 pb: 7:46.97 -10. ht WCH 2009. 1 US 2010. Graduate in Marketing from University of Miami ... lives-Colombus, Ohio ... coach-Robert Gary In 2010: 5 Indiana Relays; 1 Mt SAC Relays 5000; 2 Minneapolis road mile; 4 New York Diamond; 1 US; 14 Oordgegem; 4 Lausanne Diamond (8:13.29, up to 5th on US all-time list); 10 Paris Diamond; 2 Lucerne 3000; 13 Zurich Diamond; 10 Rieti 3000</p>							
5,	802	BLANCO José Luis EUR / Europe (ESP)	35y	94d		8:19.15	8:12.86 -06
<p>2006 European silver ... 1 Ibero-American 2000; 2 Mediterranean Games 2001; 8 WCH 2003 (2005-14, 2007-dq final for running inside track, 2009-ht); 2 ECH 2006 (2010-3); 7 ECP 2008; ht OLY 2008; 4 ETCh 2010. At WXC: 2001-35 short, 2002-27 short, 2003-69 short, 2004-59 short, 2005-42 short, 2006-34 short, 2007-119, 2008-83, 2009-62. 1 Spanish 2009/2010 In 2010: 1 Huelva; 4 ETCh; 1 Catalanian; 1 Spanish; 3 ECH; 12 Zurich Diamond</p>							
6,	513	GARI Roba AFR / Africa (ETH)	28y	146d		8:10.29	8:10.29 -10
<p>Ethiopian record holder ... sixth at 2009 World Championships ... 5 African Games 2007; ht OLY 2008; 6 WCH 2009 (2007-10). 1 Ethiopian 2005/2007 In 2010: 5 Doha Diamond; 2 Belém 3000; 6 Río 5000; 1 Uberlândia; 6 Rabat; 1 Zhukovskiy; 1 Velenje; 7 Lausanne Diamond; 3 African; 2 Lille; 3 Brussels Diamond</p>							
7,	700	ABDI Youcef APA / Asia-Pacific (AUS)	32y	272d		8:25.31	8:16.36 -08
<p>2002 Commonwealth Games bronze medallist at 1500m ... sixth in 2008 Olympic Steeplechase final, when he got so near (0.14) to the Australian record of 8:16.22 which has stood to Shaun Creighton since 1993 500 pb: 3:36.35 -02/03. Mile pb: 3:56.23 -03. ht WJC 800 96 (for Algeria); 3 COM 1500 2002; 4 WCP 1500 2002; sf WCH 1500 2003; 11 COM 2006; 5 WCP 2006; ht WCH 2007; 6 OLY 2008. 1 Australian 2004/2006/2009/2010. 1 Australian Olympic Trials 1500 2000, but did not have qualifying time for the Games. Stayed in Australia after the 1996 World Junior Championships in Sydney and became an Australian Citizen in June 2000 ... was at school in France with soccer star Thierry Henry ... coach-Lindsay Watson ... lives-Sydney In 2010: 3 Newcastle 3000; 6 Hobart 5000; 2 Sydney; 8 Melbourne; 1 Sydney; 1 New South Wales State; 1 Australian; 12 Rabat; 6 Sotteville; 2 Nantes; 5 Metz; 5 Gateshead Diamond; 4 Lapinlahti; 7 Stockholm Diamond; 1 Gothenburg; 6 London Diamond; 8 Lille</p>							
8,	612	SÁNCHEZ José Alberto AME / Americas (CUB)	24y	3d		8:31.80	8:26.16 -09
<p>Cuban record holder ... 1 Pan-American junior 2005; 1 North/Central American & Carribean under-23 2006; 3 Pan-American Games 2007; 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs 2008/2009 In 2010: 1 Havana; 1 Cuban National Games; 1 Ibero-American; 1 Havana "Cup of July 26"</p>							
9,	831	LUCHIANOV Ion EUR / Europe (MDA)	29y	217d		8:19.64	8:18.97 -08
<p>Moldovan record holder ... 2009 World Student Games Champion ... surprise Olympic finalist in 2008 ... fourth in 2010 European Championships 3000 pb: 7:58.63 -10. 11 WJC 2000; 6 under-23 ECH 2003; 1 Balkan 2004; ht WCH 2005/2009. 89 World Half Mar 2002; 12 OLY 2008 (2004-ht); 1 WSG 2009 (2003-5, 2007-3); 4 ECH 2010. 1 Moldovan 2007/2009 (1 800 2009, 1 1500 2006/2008).. 1 Russian 2010 He was named Best Sportsman of the Year in Moldova in 2009 In 2010: 9ht WIC 3000; 2 Moscow Regional 3000 (5 1500); 1 Russian Cup; 4 Zhukovskiy; 3 Moscow "Open" (Jun 29); 1 Russian; 4 ECH; 9 Zurich Diamond; 6 Lille</p>							

10, 543 **KIPLAGAT Benjamin** AFR / Africa (UGA) **21y** 185d **8:03.81** **8:03.81 -10**
Ugandan record holder & ninth at Beijing Olympics while still a junior ... 2008 World junior silver
5000 pb: 13:22.67 -07. 7 African Games 2007; 2 WJC 2008 (2006-6); 9 OLY 2008; 11 WCH 2009 (2007-ht); 5 African Champs 2010. At
WXC: 2006-50 short, 2007-5J, 2008-4J
In 2010: 3 Dakar 3000; 10 Doha Diamond; 1 Nijmegen 1500; 1 Hengelo; 2 Oordegem 1500; 2 Lausanne Diamond; 4 Paris Diamond; 5
African; 4 Zurich Diamond

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Men's 110 Metres Hurdles

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2010 World Best:	12.89	David Oliver USA	Paris	16 Jul 10
Meeting Record:	12.96	Allen Johnson USA	Athens	17 Sep 06

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			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	526	NURUDEEN Selim AFR / Africa (NGR)	27y	216d		13.55	13.55 -10
2007 African Games Champion ... 2010 African Champion ... ht COM 2006; 1 African Games 2007; ht WCH 2007; qf OLY 2008; 1 African Champs 2010 (2008-3). 1 Nigerian 2005/2006/2008. 6 NCAA indoor 2005; 7 NCAA 2005. Attends University of Notre Dame, Indiana ... born-Texas In 2010: 3 Coral Gables; 3 Gainesville; 2 Tampa; dnf/ht Dessau; dnf Tartu; 4 Argentan; 7 Sotteville; 4 Hérouville; 1 Nigerian; 2 African; 2 Copenhagen; 2 Kessel-Lo; 3 Joensuu							
2,	720	SHI Dongpeng APA / Asia-Pacific (CHN)	26y	242d		13.39	13.19 -07
2003 Asian Champion ... twice World finalist ... Chinese #2 after Liu Xiang 1 Asian junior 2001; 2 WJC 2002; 4 Asian Games 2002; 1 Asian Champs 2003 (2005/2009-2); sf WIC 2006/2008 (2003/2004-ht); 2 Asian Games 2006; 5 WCH 2007 (2003-6, 2005/2009-sf); sf OLY 2008 (2004-ht); sf WIC 2010. 1 Chinese 2003/2007/2010 ... born-Hebei Province .. coach-Lu Quanbin ... 1.92 tall In 2010: 6sf WIC; 1 Osaka; 2 Shanghai Diamond; 1 Zhaoqing; 1 Hefei; 1 Chongqing; 1 Chinese							
3,	633	OLIVER David AME / Americas (USA)	28y	134d		12.89	12.89 -10
New US record holder ... 2008 Olympic bronze ... 2010 World indoor bronze sf WCH 2007; 3 OLY 2008; 3 WIC 2010 (2008-sf). 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 He missed the 2009 US championships (and therefore Berlin) after tearing the calf muscle and tendon of his left leg In 2010: 2 US indoor; 3 WIC; 1 Florida Relays; 1 Greensboro; 1 Ponce; 1 Daegu; 1 Shanghai Diamond (12.99); 1 California Relays; 1 US (12.93); 1 Eugene Diamond (12.90 to equal US record); 1 Paris Diamond (US record 12.89); 1 Monaco Diamond (13.01); 1 London Diamond (13.06); 1 Zurich Diamond (12.93, he won the "Diamond Race"); 1 Rieti (13.01) (He is unbeaten outdoors in 2010: 13 finals + 4 preliminaries)							
4,	825	TURNER Andy EUR / Europe (GBR)	29y	350d		13.28	13.27 -07
2010 European Champion ... 200 pb: 20.71w -07, 20.93 -06. 2 ECP 2006 (2004-3, 2003-5); 3 COM 2006; 4 EIC 2007/2009 (2005-ht); sf WCH 2007 (2009-ht); qf OLY 2008 (2004-ht); 1 ETCh 2009/2010; 1 ECH 2010 (2006-3). 1 AAA indoors & out 2006. 1 UK 2007/2008/2009. With his brother Garry he runs a model agency "Slaves To Vanity"... lives-Sutton, partner Natalie, their daughters Jasmin & Carmen ... coach-Lloyd Cowan In 2010: 3 Kingston; 1 Manchester "Great City Games" 110H & 200H on straight track, setting world best 22.30; 6 Ostrava; 1 Hengelo; 5 Rome Diamond; 1 ETCh 'A'; 2 UK; 4 Lausanne Diamond; 2 Gateshead Diamond; 6 Paris Diamond; 1 ECH; 8 London Diamond; 8 Zurich Diamond; 2 Berlin; 4 Zagreb							
5,	501	HADJ LAZIB Othman AFR / Africa (ALG)	27y	118d		13.51	13.51 -10
2010 African Champion ... Algerian record holder ... 6 African Games 2007; 4 Mediterranean Games 2009; 1 African Champs 2010 (2006-4, 2008-dq) In 2010: 3 Weinheim; 4 Forbach; 3 Argentan; 1 Zeulenroda; 3 Nantes; 3 Reims 'B'; 6 Chambéry; 1 Bottrop; 1 Algerian; 1 African; 1 Lucerne 'B'; 4 Dubnica nad Váhom							
6,	730	TANONAKA Tasuku APA / Asia-Pacific (JPN)	31y	347d		13.58	13.55 -06
2007 Asian Champion ... 1 Asian Champs 2007 (2003-4); sf WCH 2007. 1 Japanese 2004/2009/2010 In 2010: 1 Hiroshima; 3 Osaka; 1 Japanese; 5ht Bottrop; 5 Kortrijk; 3 Lapinlahti							
7,	615	DEGRAMMONT Dominique AME / Americas (HAI)	31y	176d		13.44	13.44 -10
6 Central American & Caribbean Champs 2009; 4 Central American & Caribbean Games 2010. He has dual citizenship with the USA In 2010: 2 Claremont; 1 Mt SAC Relays; 1 Irvine; 1 Eagle Rock; 5 Cuxhaven; 5 Turin; 8 Prague (Odlozil Memorial); 4 Central American & Caribbean Games							
8,	804	DARIEN Garfield EUR / Europe (FRA)	22y	257d		13.34	13.34 -10
2010 European silver ... 7 WJC 2004; 1 EJC 2007; 6 EIC 2009; sf WCH 2009; sf WIC 2010. 1 French under-23 2008; 2 ECH 2010. His father/coach Daniel Darien clocked 13.76 in 1987 In 2010: 6 Birmingham; 2 French indoor; dns/sf WIC; 1 Antony; 1 Tomblaine; 2 Reims; 1 Chambéry; 1sf French (dns final); 6 Monaco Diamond; 2 ECH; 3 London Diamond; 6 Zurich Diamond							

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Men's Pole Vault

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2010 World Best:	5.94	Renaud Lavillenie FRA	Valence	10 Jul 10
	6.01i	Steve Hooker AUS	Doha	13 Mar 10
Meeting Record:	5.90	Okkert Brits AFR	London	10 Sep 94

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 APA – Green
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			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	721	YANG Yansheng APA / Asia-Pacific (CHN)	22y	243d		5.75	5.75 -10
Chinese record holder ... 5.63i -10. 1 World Youth 2005; 2 Asian Indoor Champs 2006; 1 Asian junior 2006; 2 WJC 2006; 3 Asian Games 2006; 2 Asian Indoor Games 2009; dnf WIC 2009. 1 Chinese 2010 ... 1.89 tall In 2010: 1 Beijing indoor (Chinese indoor record 5.63); dnf WIC; 1 Suzhou; 2 Hiroshima; 2 Kunshan; 5 Shanghai Diamond; 1 Chongqing; 1 Chinese							
2,	631	MILES Derek AME / Americas (USA)	37y	341d		5.81	5.85 -08
Fourth in 2008 Olympics ... US Champion indoors in 2003 & outdoors in 2008 7 WSG 97; 5 WIC 2003 (2008-8); =6 WCH 2003 (2009-nh final); nh Pan-Am Games 2007; 4 OLY 2008 (2004-7). Coach-Earl Bell ... born-Sacramento ... employed as an academic adviser at Arkansas State University ... favourite hobby is paragliding ... lives-Jonesboro, Arkansas ... 1.91 tall In 2010: 2 US indoor; =4 WIC; 2 Drake Relays; 1 Lincoln NB; 1 California Relays; 2 Békéscsaba; 6 Oslo Diamond; 9 Montreuil; 5 New York Diamond; 2 US; 8 Lausanne Diamond; 1 Kortrijk; 2 Paris Diamond; 1 Jockgrim; 2 London Diamond; 4 Berlin; 3 Lille; =5 Brussels Diamond							
3,	844	MAZURYK Maksym EUR / Europe (UKR)	27y	156d		5.80	5.82 -08
Former World Junior Champion ... 2010 European silver ... fourth in 2009 Worlds 1 WJC 2002; 3 under-23 ECH 2003 (2005-6); 6 WIC 2008 (2006/2010-dnf); dnf OLY 2008; 4 WCH 2009 (2007-11); 8 ETCh 2010; 2 ECH 2010 (2006-8). 1 Ukrainian 2010 ... 1.90 tall In 2010: 1 Ukrainian indoor; dnf WIC; 3 Shanghai Diamond; 1 Ukrainian Cup; - Hengelo (contest abandoned after he had leapt 5.50); 1 Békéscsaba; 7 Oslo Diamond; 8 ETCh; 4 Moscow "Open" (Jun 29); 1 Ukrainian; 5 Lausanne Diamond; 3 Paris Diamond; 2 ECH; nh London Diamond; 1 Szczecin; 1 Dubnica nad Váhom; 3 Brussels Diamond							
4,	542	DHOUBI Hamdi AFR / Africa (TUN)	28y	224d		4.70	5.05 -06
Former African Champion & record holder ... the was the first from that continent to score more than 8000 points Decathlon pb: 8023 -05 (7539 -10) pbs in Decathlon events: 100: 10.62w/10.74; LJ: 7.60; SP: 14.55; HJ: 1.99; 400: 47.04; 110H: 14.04w/14.12; DT: 44.37; PV: 5.05; JT: 55.26; 1500: 4:21.15 1 African junior 2001; dnf World Youth Octathlon 99; 2 Mediterranean Games Decathlon 2001 (2005-3); 1 African Champs Decathlon 2002/2006 (2010-dnf) & PV 2010; 11 WCH Decathlon 2005 (2003-dnf); 3 African Games Decathlon 2007 ... 1.90/85kg In 2010: 12 Kladno Decathlon; dnf African Champs Decathlon (1 PV)							
5,	707	HOOKEER Steve APA / Asia-Pacific (AUS)	28y	51d		5.91	6.00 -08
2006 WORLD CUP WINNER 2010 World Indoor Champion ... 2009 World Champion (while injured)... 2008 Olympic Champion (the first Australian to win an Olympic Gold at a field event since 1948) ... 2006 Commonwealth Champion ... only Sergey Bubka has ever gone higher than Hooker's indoor 6.06 in 2009 6.06i -09 (6.01i -10). 4 WJC 2000; =11 WSG 2003; 1 COM 2006; 1 WCP 2006; 1 OLY 2008 (2004-dnf); 1 WCH 2009 (2005-dnf, 2007-9); 1 WIC 2010 (2008-3). 1 Australian 2008/2010 ... Mother-Erica Hooker was 1978 Commonwealth LJ silver medalist ... father-Bill represented Australia at 400m, 400m hurdles and 800m ... based-Perth ... coach-Alex Parnov (previously Mark Stewart) ... unexpected talent – "I make a good coffee, I love my coffee" ... 1.87 tall In Beijing 2008 he had third-time clearances in both qualifying and at four successive heights in the final! ... in 2009 he won 10/12 finals, losing only in Reims & Stockholm In 2010: 1 Perth (4x, including 5.91 on Feb 27); 1 Sydney; 1 Melbourne; 1 WIC (6.01); 1 Australian; 6 Shanghai Diamond (5.50 – "I felt great, my body was fine and then when I got into the competition it wasn't happening"); nh Oslo Diamond; 2 New York Diamond; 1 Wattenscheid; 2 Lausanne Diamond; nh Paris Diamond; nh London Diamond; =5 Brussels Diamond							
6,	619	LANARO Giovanni AME / Americas (MEX)	28y	343d		5.75	5.82 -07
Central American record holder & Games Champion ... 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs 2003; 2 Ibero-American 2004; dnf OLY 2004/2008; dnf WCH 2005/2007; 7 WIC 2006 (2008-dnf); 2 Pan-Am Games 2007 (2003-5); 1 Central American & Caribbean Games 2010. 1 Mexican 2005/2008/2010. Dual citizenship with US & Mexico ... based-Los Angeles, self-coached... 1.85 tall In 2010: 1 Azusa; 1 Fullerton; 1 Monterrey; 1 Mt SAC Relays; 3 Drake Relays; 1 Mexican; 2 California Relays; 1 Walnut; 6 Rottach-Egern; 8 Paris Diamond; 4 Jockgrim; 1 Central American & Caribbean Games; 3 Berlin; 8 Lille							
7,	809	LAVILLENIE Renaud EUR / Europe (FRA)	23y	352d		5.94	6.01 -09
2010 European Champion ... 2009 World bronze ... 10 under-23 ECH 2007; dnf WIC 2008/2010; 1 EIC 2009; 1 ETCh 2009/2010; 3 WCH 2009; 1 ECH 2010. 1 French 2010 ... he says "the sky is my limit" ... coach-Damien Innocencio ... 1.76 tall In 2010: 1 French indoor; dnf WIC; 4 French Clubs 110H (10 LJ with pb 7.31); 1 Forbach; 1 Oslo Diamond; 1 Montreuil; 1 New York Diamond; 1 ETCh; 1 Tomblaine; 1 Lausanne Diamond; 1 French; 1 Paris Diamond; 1 ECH; nh London Diamond; 1 Lille; 2 Brussels Diamond (won "Diamond Race") (11 / 13 wins outdoors)							
8,	500	BOURAADA Larbi AFR / Africa (ALG)	22y	117d		4.80	4.80 -10
Twice African Champion at Decathlon ... Dec pb: 8148 -10. pbs in Decathlon events: 100: 10.67; LJ: 7.69; SP: 14.00i/13.59; HJ: 2.10; 400: 46.69; 110H: 14.41; DT: 38.18; PV: 4.80; JT: 65.53; 1500: 4:12.15 3 African Games Decathlon 2007; 1 African Champs Decathlon 2008; 13 WCH Decathlon 2009 In 2010: 1 French indoor; dnf Götis Decathlon; 1 African Decathlon (2 PV)							

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Men's Triple Jump

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2010 World Best: 17.98 Teddy Tamgho FRA New York 12 Jun 10
Meeting Record: 17.61 Yoelbi Quesada AME London 10 Sep 94

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			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	838	OPREA Marian EUR / Europe (ROU)	28y	91d		17.51	17.81 -05
<p>2004 Olympic silver, 2005 world bronze ... Romanian record holder ... nickname "strut", Romanian for ostrich 4 World Youth 99; 1 WJC 2000; 1 EJC 2001 (99-3); 2 WSG 2001 (2005-7); 2 EIC 2002; 2 under-23 ECH 2003; 5 WIC 2004 (2003-8); 2 OLY 2004 (2008-5); 3 WCH 2005 (2001/2003-dnq); 3 ECH 2006 (2002-dnq); 3 WCP 2006; 2 ECH 2010 (2006-3, 2002-dnq). 1 Romanian 2003-2007 ... surgery on left knee in November 2008, he missed 2009 ... coach-Giorgios Pomaski (based Athens)... 1.93 tall In 2010: 1 Ohrid; 1 Romanian 'International'; 2 ETCh 1st League; 1 Sofia; 1 Réthymno; 7 Paris Diamond; 2 ECH; 7 Brussels Diamond</p>							
2,	505	MAMBA Hugo AFR / Africa (CMR)	28y	216d		16.78	16.92 -08
<p>Cameroon record holder ... 2 African Games 2007; dnq WCH 2007/2009; 2 African Champs 2008 (2004-4, 2006-5); dnq OLY 2008 ... Born-Sarcelles, France In 2010: 12 French indoor; 1 Val-de-Reuil; 3 Hérouville; 2 Metz; 2 African; 6 Lille</p>							
3,	722	MAHESWARY Renjith APA / Asia-Pacific (IND)	24y	218d		17.00	17.04 -07
<p>Indian record holder ... 2007 Asian Champion ... dnq WJC 2004; 4 Asian Games 2006; 1 Asian Champs 2007 (2009-4); dnq WCH 2007; dnq OLY 2008. 1 Indian 2005/2007/2009 In 2010: 1 Indian; 1 Pune; 1 Bangalore; 2 Chennai; 1 New Delhi</p>							
4,	614	LEWIS Randy AME / Americas (GRN)	29y	293d		17.29	17.49 -08
<p>Grenada record holder indoors & out ... 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 2005/2007/2009; 6 COM 2006; 7 Pan-American Games 2007; dnq WIC 2008/2010. Marketing Graduate from Wichita State University ... based-Leverkusen ... coach-Gerd Osenburg In 2010: dnq WIC; 8 Doha Diamond; 1 Daegu; 3 Khania; 3 Haniá; 4 Montreuil; 5 New York Diamond; 2 Gateshead Diamond; 6 Paris Diamond; 2 Central American & Caribbean Games; 5 Stockholm Diamond; 3 Lille; 8 Brussels Diamond</p>							
5,	820	IDOWU Phillips EUR / Europe (GBR)	31y	249d	1978	17.81	17.81 -10
<p>Reigning World, European & Commonwealth Champion ... he has also won World & European Indoor titles and missed Olympic gold in 2008 by just 5cm LJ pb: 7.83 -00. 4 EJC 97; 5 under-23 ECH 99; 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 2009/2010; 1 WCH 2009 (2001-9, 2007-6); 1 ECH 2010 (2002/2006-5). 1 AAA 2000/2002/2006 (1 indoor 2005); 1 UK 2009/2010 ... 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</p> <p>Trademark headband / hair dye / piercings – "I get bored with my appearance"</p> <p>In 2010: 1 South of England indoor; 1 Rio; 3 New York Diamond; 2 ETCh; 1 UK; 2 Reims; 1 Gateshead Diamond; 4 Paris Diamond; 1 ECH; 6 London Diamond</p>							
6,	527	OKE Tosin AFR / Africa (NGR)	29y	338d		17.22	17.22 -10
<p>2010 African Champion ... 1999 European Junior Champion ... 2007 UK Champion ... cleared by IAAF to compete for Nigeria from February 10, 2009 1 EJC 99; 5 COM 2002; dnq ECH 2002; 4 ECP 2003; 1 African Champs 2010. 1 AAA junior indoor 99; 1 AAA indoor 2002/2003 (2001-2); 1 AAA under-23 2002; 1 UK 2007. Graduated in chemistry from Manchester University ... coach-John Herbert (formerly Guy Spencer) ... he has dual citizenship with Great Britain, the country he represented in international competition before 2009</p>							
7,	732	VALIYEV Roman APA / Asia-Pacific (KAZ)	26y	161d		16.93	16.98 -06
<p>2005 Asian Champion ... dnq World Youth 2001; dnq OLY 2004/2008; 1 Asian Champs 2005; 1 Asian Indoor Games 2005/2007; 2 Asian Games 2006. 1 Kazak 2004/2005/2008 In 2010: 3 Asian Indoor Champs; 4 Pune; 2 Bangalore; 3 Chennai</p>							
8,	609	COPELLO Alexis AME / Americas (CUB)	25y	24d		17.55	17.65 -09
<p>2009 World bronze ... 17.69w -09. 2 Central American & Caribbean Games 2006; dnq OLY 2008; 2 Central American & Caribbean Champs 2009 (2008-3); 3 WCH 2009; 1 Ibero-American 2009. His older brother Alexander scored 7359 in a decathlon in 2002 ... coach-Sigfredo Banderas (same as 1997 World Champion Yoelbi Quesada) In 2010: 1 Stockholm indoor (beat Olsson, Giral, Idowu); 2 Havana; 1 Doha Diamond; 2 Rio; 1 Uberlândia; 1 Ibero-American; 3 Montreuil; 1 Sotteville; 1 Bilbao; 1 Zhukovskiy; 1 Reims; 3 Gateshead Diamond; 2 Paris Diamond; 3 Stockholm Diamond; 3 London Diamond; 2 Brussels Diamond</p>							

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Men's Discus Throw

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2010 World Best: 71.45 Gerd Kanter EST Chula Vista 29 Apr 10
Meeting Record: 71.25 Róbert Fazekas EUR Madrid 21 Sep 02

Robert Harting's recent 69.69 was in a two-man contest, so some are still listing his best as 69.43 from 2009

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			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	723	HADADI Ehsan APA / Asia-Pacific (IRI)	25y	228d		68.45	69.32 -08
Multi-Asian Champion & record holder ... former World Junior Champion ... good second at 2006 World Cup SP pb: 17.82i -08. 1 Asian junior 2004; 1 WJC 2004; 1 Asian Champs 2005/2007 (2003-8); 1 West Asian Games 2005; 2 WCP 2006; 1 Asian Games 2006; 7 WCH 2008; dnq OLY 2008. 1 Belarus 2005. He has been training in Belarus since 2004 ... coach-Kim Bokhonsov ... 1.93/125kg In 2010: 1 Tehran (May 12); 5 Shanghai Diamond; 5 Rome Diamond; 1 Tehran (Jun 16); 8 Monaco Diamond; 4 Tallinn; 1 Valga; 1 Zagreb							
2,	638	YOUNG Jason AME / Americas (USA)	29y	101d		69.90	69.90 -10
3 US Junior 2000; 4 NCAA 2003; 9 US Olympic Trials 2004/2008 ... 1.85/107kg In 2010: 1 Lubbock (Mar 26); 1 Abilene; 1 Lubbock (Apr 10); 1 Chula Vista (Apr 22); 1 La Jolla; 1 Abilene; 6 Shanghai Diamond; 2 US; 3 Eugene Diamond; 8 Zurich Diamond							
3,	837	MAŁACHOWSKI Piotr EUR / Europe (POL)	27y	90d		69.83	69.83 -10
2010 European Champion ... 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; 2 OLY 2008; 1 ETCh 2009 (2010-2); 2 WCH 2009 (2007-12); 1 ECH 2010 (2006-6). 1 Polish 2006/2007/2008/2009/2010 ... member of Slask Wroclaw Military club with rank of Lance Corporal ... lives-Biezun ... coach-Witold Suski ... 1.92/122kg In 2010: 3 Shanghai Diamond; 1 Taipei; 1 Bydgoszcz; 1 Warsaw; 1 Rome Diamond; 2 ETCh; 1 Eugene Diamond; 1 Polish; 1 Gateshead Diamond (69.83, a Polish record and the longest ever in Britain); 3 Monaco Diamond; 1 ECH; 1 Tallinn; 5 London Diamond; 2 Zurich Diamond (won "Diamond Race")							
4,	510	EL-GHAZALY Omar AFR / Africa (EGY)	26y	208d		64.18	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 2003/2004/2005/2007/2009; 1 African Games 2003/2007; 3 Afro-Asian Games 2003; dnq OLY 2004/2008; 2 WSG 2005/2007; 1 African Champs 2006/2010 (2002-3); 4 WCP 2006; 6 WCH 2007 (2009-9); 1 Francophone Games 2009. Trains with Gerd Kanter, their coach-Vesteinn Hafsteinnsson ... 1.99/125kg In 2010: 1 Cairo; 1 African; 3 Valga							
5,	706	HARRADINE Benn APA / Asia-Pacific (AUS)	27y	326d		65.83	66.37 -08
Oceanian record holder ... they call him "Benny Five Fingers" ... dnq OLY 2008; dnq WCH 2009. 1 Australian 2007/2008/2010. Once finished ahead of Ian Thorpe in a swimming relay race ... plays the guitar ... born-Newcastle NSW, lives-Melbourne ... coach-Gus Puopolo ... 1.98/115kg In 2010: 1 Sydney; 1 Perth; 1 Victoria State; 1 Australian; 4 Chula Vista (Apr 29); 6 Chula Vista (May 6); 4 Halle; 2 Wattenscheid; 2 Réthymno; 1 Thum; 2 Berlin							
6,	610	FERNÁNDEZ Jorge AME / Americas (CUB)	22y	338d		66.00	66.00 -10
2 Pan-American junior 2005; 5 WJC 2006; 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs 2009; dnq OLY 2008 ... 1.90/100kg In 2010: 1 Havana (7x); 1 Cuban National Games; 3 Ibero-American; 1 Huelva; 1 Havana "Cup of July 26"							
7,	827	HARTING Robert EUR / Europe (GER)	25y	321d		69.69	69.69 -10
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; 2 ECP 2007/2008; 4 OLY 2008 (he was Germany's highest-placed male athlete in Beijing); 1 ETCh 2010 (2009-2); 1 WCH 2009 (2007-2); 2 ECH 2010 (2006-dnq). 1 German 2007/2008/2009/2010 ... 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 ... 2.01/129kg In 2010: 1 Berlin; 1 Wiesbaden; 1 Halle; 2 Shanghai Diamond; 2 Taipei; 4 Rome Diamond; 1 ETCh; 1 Wattenscheid; 1 German; 2 ECH; 2 Lucerne; 1 Zurich Diamond; 1 Berlin; 1 GER v NED one per side							
8,	531	HOGAN Victor AFR / Africa (RSA)	21y	42d		58.30	59.21 -08
1 African junior 2007; 4 WJC 2008; 3 African Champs 2010 In 2010: 1 Port Elizabeth; 1 South African; 1 Stellenbosch; 1 Germiston; 3 African							

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2010 World Best:	90.37	Andreas Thorkildsen NOR	Florø	29 May 10
Meeting Record:	88.71	Steve Backley GBR	Johannesburg	13 Sep 98

Bib: Name on front, number on back
 Vest colours:
 AFR – Red
 AME – Dark Blue, red and white
 APA – Green
 EUR – Light Blue, orange and white

			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	826	DE ZORDO Matthias EUR / Europe (GER)	22y	196d		87.81	87.81 -10
2010 European silver ... winner at 2010 European Team Championships 1 EJC 2007; 8 under-23 ECH 2009; 1 ETCH 2010; 2 ECH 2010. 1 German under-23 2006/2007/2008 & senior 2010. Coach-Boris Henry (3 WCH 95/2003) ... 1.88/90kg In 2010: 3 Halle; 1 Saarbrücken; 1 Rehlingen; 1 Schönebeck; 2 Cuxhaven; 1 ETCh; 5 Lausanne Diamond; 1 German; 2 ECH; 3 Stockholm Diamond; 2 London Diamond; 1 Thum; 1 Haldensleben; 3 Brussels Diamond							
2,	508	EL RAHMAN Ihab Abd AFR / Africa (EGY)	21y	127d		78.02	78.44 -09
2008 World junior silver ... 3 African junior 2007; 2 WJC 2008; 1 Francophone Games 2009; 1 African Champs 2010 In 2010: 1 Egyptian; 1 African							
3,	738	FARQUHAR Stuart APA / Asia-Pacific (NZL)	28y	174d	1982	85.35	85.35 -10
7x New Zealand Champion ... dnq WJC 98/2000; dnq OLY 2004/2008; 7 COM 2006; 6 WCP 2006 dnq WCH 2007/2009; 2 WSG 2009. 1 New Zealand 2003/2005/2006/2007/2008/2009; 1 French 2004; 1 Spanish 2004; 1 Australian 2006 ... 1.86/98kg In 2010: 1 Australian Cup; 1 Hamilton; 3 Sydney; 2 Melbourne; 1 New Zealand; 2 Australian; 1 Osaka; 4 Heusden; 7 Paris Diamond; 1 Rovereto							
4,	607	IBARGUEN Arley AME / Americas (COL)	27y	323d		79.35	81.07 -09
2010 Central American & Caribbean Games Champion ... Colombian record holder 1 South American 2009; 3 Central American & Caribbean Champs 2009; dnq WCH 2009; 1 Central American & Caribbean Games 2010 In 2010: 2 Carolina; 1 Mayaguez (3x); 2 Baie Mahault; 2 Cali (May 16); 1 Cali (Jul 3); 1 Central American & Caribbean Games							
5,	833	THORKILDSEN Andreas EUR / Europe (NOR)	28y	157d		90.37	91.59 -06
2006 WORLD CUP WINNER Gold or silver for him at every Olympic, World and European Championships since 2004 1 European Youth 99; 2 WJC 2000; 2 EJC 2001 (99-7); 4 under-23 ECH 2003; 1 OLY 2004/2008; 1 ECH 2006/2010 (2002-dnq); 1 WCP 2006; 1 WCH 2009 (2001-dnq, 2003-11, 2005/2007-2); 2 ETCh 2010. 1 Norwegian 2001/2003/2004/2005/2006/2009/2010. He set six Norwegian records in 2005/2006 up to 91.59 ... father-Tomm was a 10.7 100 sprinter, mother-Bente Amundsen was Norwegian 100H champion ... partner-Christina Vukicevic (Norwegian record holder at 100H) ... coach-Åsmund Martinsen ... 1.90//90kg In 2010: 1 Shanghai Diamond; 1 Florø (90.37, his fourth-longest ever but "I still feel I'm lacking a bit of something"); 1 Oslo Diamond; 1 New York Diamond; 2 ETCh; 1 Kuortane; 1 Lausanne Diamond; 1 Paris Diamond; 1 ECH; 2 Stockholm Diamond; 1 London Diamond; 1 Norwegian; 1 Brussels Diamond (won "Diamond Race" with 6 / 7 wins)							
6,	536	PIENAAR Hardus AFR / Africa (RSA)	29y	26d	1981	79.22	84.50 -03
2000 World Junior Champion ... 3x African Champion ... 1 WJC 2000 (98-2); 5 WSG 2001/2003; 1 African Champs 2002/2004/2006 (2010 -2); 1 Afro-Asian Games 2003; dnq OLY 2004; 4 COM 2006; 2 WCP 2006 (2002-4); 2 African Games 2007; dnq WCH 2007. 1 South African 2001/2002/2003/2004/2006 ... 1.94/104kg In 2010: 1 Pretoria; 2 Port Elizabeth; 2 Potchefstroom; 1 South African; 2 African							
7,	701	BANNISTER Jarrod APA / Asia-Pacific (AUS)	25y	336d		83.17	89.02 -08
Oceanian record holder ... 4 WJC 2002; 6 COM 2006; dnf WCH 2007; 6 OLY 2008. 1 Australian junior 2002 & senior 2007/2008/2010. Operation on his throwing arm in 2009. ... former cricketer ... from Townsville, Queensland ... coach-Uwe Hohn (former world record holder) ... 1.90/100kg In 2010: 1 Hobart; 2 Sydney; 3 Melbourne; 1 Australian; 6 Lausanne Diamond; 4 Paris Diamond; 6 Stockholm Diamond; 4 Brussels Diamond							
8,	624	HAZLE Mike AME / Americas (USA)	31y	167d		80.05	82.21 -08
2 Pan-American Games 2007; dnq OLY 2008; dnq WCH 2009. Based-San Diego ... always competes in the same socks ... also works as a DJ, specialising in "progressive house" music ... studied Sports Management at Texas State University ... coach-Ty Sevin ... 1.83/91kg In 2010: 7 Baie Mahault; 2 US; 1 San Diego; 1 Kessel-Lo; 5 Dubnica nad Váhom							