Farewell to WAF

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Carmelita Jeter has already gone on to greater personal glory, but her 10.67 100m run in Thessaloniki capped off her country's domination of seven years of the World Athletics Final. Hers was the United States' 56th win in that competition, more than twice the number of the next most successful nation, Kenya. The final placing table below is perhaps a more accurate representation of athletic prowess in the 2000s than that for the World Championships, because in the World Athletics Fina, I countries are not limited to three (or four) representatives) Those good enough qualify to compete regardless of how many others have entered from their country.

It's a surprise that Britain has had just one victory, Kelly Holmes in the 2004 1500m. Further down the table, Cuba's top-heavy total of 17 wins is not so unexpected given that countries concentrated strength in the jumps and throws which was again evident in Thessaloniki.

In all 85 countries "placed" in the top eight in the history of the meeting. The total number of different countries with participants in the meeting is 87, with Austria and

Tunisia being the two unfortunates with entries who never managed to make it into the first eight. Individually, the athletes with the best placement totals (scoring eight for first down to one for eighth) are Edwin Soi and Tatyana Lebedeva. However, converting places to total award money puts a different pair at the top – Asafa Powell (\$173,000) and Meseret Defar (\$297,000). That is because those two have scored more wins, worth \$30,000 apiece. The top women have out-earned the top men with both Lebedeva and Sanya Richards also taking home many more dollars than Powell. Traditionally women have been more keen to "multi-task" in the World Athletics Final and these three certainly did their share of doubling up. An honorable mention must go to steeplechaser Paul Kipsiele Koech, who competed in all seven meetings and placed in the top three each time. Thank you to Tomas Magnusson for his assistance with this project.

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Year	Partic	nants	Countries	s					
2003	289	parito	58						
2004	292		59						
2005	303		54						
2006	286		56						
2007	280		54						
2008	287		57						
2009	299		59						
Totals	968		87						
COUNTRY	PLACING	3 TABLE							
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Points
USA	56	46+1=	47	37	33	42+2=	38	30	1612.5
KEN	26	34	29	29	26	20	21	20	991
RUS	23	25	16+3=	24+3=	19	18+2=	18+1=	22	799
JAM	16	17	24	8+1	17	9	9	4	552.5
GER	6	10+1=	9	14+2=	11	18+1=	15	16	404
ETH	17	8	8	9	9	8	1	4	351
POL	3	10+1=	6	7+1=	5	9	9	5	246
GBR	1	4	7	8	10	12	14	13	235
FRA	3	3	7	7+1=	14	4	11+1=	7	225
UKR	4	5+2=	5	3	9	12	8	6	219
CUB	17	2	4	2	3	2	1	-	204
BLR	7	4	10	1	5	3	4	3	189
BAH	1	5	3	9	5	6	3	1	151
SWE	6	3	4+2	3	2	2	2	2	139
CZE	5	6	1	4	1+1	4	4	2	137.5
ESP	2	3	2	6	3	6+1=	8+1=	6	134.5
RSA	2	4	4	1=	7	3	1	4	115.5
ITA	1	2	2+1=	1	6	8+1=	7	3	112
AUS	3	3	2	3	4	3	5	4	111
BRN	6	1	2	4	1	3	1	1	103
HUN	1	4	5	5	2	-	1	i	102
FIN	3	3	1	2	4	3	-	1	87
CAN	-	2	2	2	5+1	3	6	2	82.5
ROU	_	2	4	2	3	2	4	7	81
EST	2	3	2	1	4	1	1	2	77
LAT	1	1	2	4	2	2	4	5	74
GRE	2	2	3	2	-	1+1=	1+1=	3	70
MAR	1	1	3	2	2	1	6	3	69
BRA		3+1=	-	2	2	2+1=	4	4	66
NOR	3	5	-	-	-		1	-	61
POR	2	1	1	5	_	2	-	1	61
SVK	-	2	1	2	4	1	4	3	60
NZL	2	3	1	-	1	1	2	-	54
SLO	2	-	i	1	3	3	1	2	52
CRO	3	1		3	-	1=	1	1	51
LTU	4	1	-	1	_		-	1	45
BEL	-	1	1	3	2	1	1	2	43
UGA	1	3		-	1		2	3	40
TRI	1	-	1	2	2	1	-	3	38
NED		1	3	1	1	1	_	1	38
GHA	1	1	2	2	-		_		37
MRI	1		3	1	1	_	_	1	36
JPN	1	_	2	2		2	_		36
DEN	i	1	1	2	_	1	_	_	34
GRN		1	1	1	1	1	4	_	33
KSA	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	1	32
QAT	2	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	31
TUR	3	-	-	_	-	1	-	-	27
SEN	-	-	-	4	-	1	1	2	27
SUD		-	2	2	-	1	'	-	25
IRL	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	2	23 23
		-			1	'		1	
BUL	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	23
CMR	1 1	1	1 -	1 -	1	-	1 -		21
BAR								-	19
COD	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	19
MEX	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
IND	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	16
CAY	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	-	16

CHN	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	13
DOM	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	13
NAM	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	13
SKN	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	13
ANT	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	12
ALG	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	12
SUI	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	11
BOT	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	10
NGR	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	9
MOZ	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
SRB	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
AHO	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	6
ZIM	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	6
KAZ	-	-	-	-	-	1+1=	-	-	5.5
KUW	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	5
ISR	-	-	-	1=	-	-	-	-	4.5
TJK	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4
ISV	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4
GAM	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
IRI	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
BEN	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
ISL	-	-	-	-	-	-	1=	1	2.5
EGY	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
MDA	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
CYP	-	-	-	-	-	-	1=	-	1.5
Totals	250	247+6=	244+6=	242+10=	244+2=	243+11=	238+6=	213	8956

MOST WINS

Men

5 Asafa Powell JAM 100m/200m 4 Paul Kipsiele Koech KEN 3000mSC Virgilijus Alekna LTU Discus Throw

Women

9 Meseret Defar ETH 3000m/5000m 6 Sanya Richards USA 200m/400m 5 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS Pole Vault 4 Maryam Jamal BRN 1500m

Tatyana Lebedeva RUS
Yispsi Moreno CUB
Long/Triple Jump
Hammer Throw

THOSE COMPETING IN ALL SEVEN EDITIONS

Men

Virgilijus Alekna LTU Discus Throw Jadel Gregório BRA Tiple Jump 3000m/5000m Paul Kipsiele Koech KEN 3000SC Mbulaeni Mulaudzi RSA Eriks Rags LAT Javelin Throw Yaroslav Rybakov RUS Discus Throw Discus Throw Javelin Throw High Jump

Women

Anna Chicherova RUS
Meseret Defar ETH
Monika Pyrek POL
Tatyana Lebedeva RUS
Nadine Kleinert GER
Steffi Nerius GER
High Jump
3000m/5000m
Pole Vault
Long/Triple Jump
Shot Put
Javelin Throw

MOST MONEY WON

1 st: \$30,000, 2 nd: \$20,000, 3 rd: \$12,000, 4 th: \$7000, 5 th: \$5000, 6 th: \$4000, 7 th: \$3000, 8 th: \$2000, 5 th: \$2000, 6 th: \$4000, 7 th: \$3000, 8 th: \$2000, 8 th: \$200

Men		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Points	Money
Asafa Powell	JAM	5	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	49	\$173,000
Paul Kipsiele Koech	KEN	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	52	\$172,000
Edwin Soi	KEN	3	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	53	\$165,000
Women											
Meseret Defar	ETH	9	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	74	\$297,000
Tatyana Lebedeva	RUS	4	4	4	-	1	-	-	-	88	\$253,000
Sanya Richards	USA	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	\$220,000