

# IAAF/VTB Bank World Athletics Final 2009 • Biographical Summaries

## Men's 200 Metres

Sun/20:25

2009 World Best	19.19	Usain Bolt JAM	Berlin	20 Aug 09
Usain's favourite event: "It'll always be the 200m," he said here on Friday				

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,	71	<b>HESSION Paul</b> IRL	26y	229d	1983	20.40	20.30 -07
Irish record holder at 100m & 200m ... very near to qualifying for 2008 Olympic 200m final 20.26w -08. 100 pb: 10.18 -07. 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 2007/2009 (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 2009: 2 Irish indoor 60; 5sf EIC 60; 6 Turin 100; 4ht Turin 100; 1 Bydgoszcz 200 (2 100); 1 Ostrava 200 (3 100 'B'); 1 ETCh 2nd League 200; 1 Cork 200 (2 100); 1 Lausanne 200 'B'; 5 Lucerne 200; 3 London 200; 6sf WCH 200; 4 Gateshead 200; 5 Brussels Golden League 200							
2,	55	<b>DEVONISH Marlon</b> GBR	33y	103d	1976	20.55	20.19 -02
2004 Olympic relay gold ... sixth in 2007 World 100m final ... world relay medals in 1997, 1999, 2005, 2007 & 2009 100 pb: 10.06 -07 (10.11 -09). 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); sf WCH 200 2009 (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 2009: 1 Coral Gables 100; 3 Doha 100; 2 Manchester "Great City Games" 150 (behind Usain Bolt); 5 Hengelo 100; 1 Geneva 200; 1 Berlin Golden League 100 'B'; 4 Lille 100/200; 2 UK Champs 200; 5 Lucerne 100 (2 200 'B'); 4 Réthymno 200; 5 London 200; 7sf WCH 200 (3 4x100); 8 Zurich Golden League 100 'B' (4 4x100); 3 Gateshead 200/100 'B'; 4 Rieti 200							
3,	142	<b>JELKS Mark</b> USA	25y	155d	1984	20.28	20.28 -09
2009 US Indoor Champion at 60m ... 100 pb: 9.99 -08 (9.99w, 10.04 -09). ht WCH 100 2008 (injured). Can play the piano, trumpet, tuba & drums ... his first sport was wrestling ... coach-Al Hobson In 2009: 1 US indoor 60; 1 Dakar 100/200; 2 Ponce 200 (3 100); 6sf US Champs 100 (despite running 10.06w); 2 Oslo Golden League 100 'B'; 1 Nuoro 100; 6ht Rome Golden League 100; 1 Athens 200 (pb 20.28); 2 Réthymno 100 (5 200); dnf Cuxhaven 200 'B'; 6 London 200; 5 Monaco 100; 2 Wattenscheid 100; 4 Gateshead 100 (5 200); 4 Rovereto 100; 8 Rieti 100							
4,	13	<b>CHRISTIAN Brendan</b> ANT	25y	276d	1983	20.26	20.12 -08
2007 Pan-American Champion at 200m ... Antiguan record holder at 200m (he's lost his 100m record to Daniel Bailey) 19.98w -09. 100 pb: 10.01w -07, 10.09 -09 (10.02w -09). 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 2009: 1 Texas Invitational 200 (4 100); 3 Osaka 200; 1 Ponce 200 (4 100); 3 Belém 200 (5 100); 1 Nivelles 100; 1 Lille 200 (3 100); 1 Cork 100; 5 Lausanne 200; 2 Reims 100; 8sf WCH 200; 2 Tallinn 200 (4 100); 3 Rovereto 100; 4 Brussels Golden League 200; 3 Rieti 200							
5,	74	<b>BOLT Usain</b> JAM	23y	23d	1986	19.19	19.19 -09
(Pronounced "You-Sain", his full name is Usain St. Leo Bolt) ... three Olympic golds & three world records in Beijing 2008, then three golds & two more records in Berlin 2009 100 pb: 9.58 -09. 150m pb: 14.35 -09 (world best); 400 pb: 45.28 -07 (45.54 -09). 1 Central American Youth 200/400 2002; 1 WJC 200 2002 (2 4x100/4x400); 1 World Youth 200 2003 (2001-sf); ht OLY 200 2004; 8 WCH 200 2005 (injured); 2 WCP 200 2006; 2 WCH 200/4x100 2007; 1 OLY 100/200/4x100 2008; 1 WCH 100/200/4x100 2009. 1 Jamaican 200 2003 (at age 17)/2007/2008/2009 (1 100 2008/2009) ... coach-Glen Mills ... 1.95 tall (6-5), 2.30 stride length In 2009: 1 Kingston 400 (Feb 14); 1 Kingston 400 (Feb 21); 1 Spanish Town 100; On April 29 in Jamaica he escaped serious injury when his new BMW M3 skidded off the road and overturned; 1 Manchester "Great City Games" 150 (including 8.70 for last 100m); 1 Toronto 100; 1 Ostrava 100 (9.77w); 1 Jamaican 100/200; 1 Lausanne 200 (19.59 in wet and with 0.9 headwind); 1 Paris Golden League 100 (9.79 in wet); 1 London 100/4x100; 1 WCH 100/200/4x100 (world record 9.58, world record 19.19, #2 all-time 37.31); 1 Zurich Golden League 100/4x100 (9.81/37.70); On August 30, he performed a ceremonial "kick-off" at the start of the Spanish football league in Madrid							
6,	157	<b>SPEARMON Wallace</b> USA	24y	262d	1984	19.85	19.65 -06
2005 World silver at 200m and bronze in 2007 & 2009 ... 100 pb: 9.96 -07 (10.18 -09). 400 pb: 45.22 -06 (47.33 -09). 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 ... fiancée-Monica Hargrove (50.39 400m) In 2009: 2 Texas Invitational 200 'B'; 2 New York 200; 3 Eugene 300; 3 US Champs 200; 1 Lucerne 200 (4 100); 2 London 200; 7 Monaco 100; 2 Stockholm 100 'B'; 4 Cottbus 100; 3 WCH 200; 5 Zurich Golden League 100 'B' (2 4x100, vying with Usain Bolt on the anchor); 2 Gateshead 200; 2 Brussels Golden League 200; 1 Rieti 200 (6 100)							
7,	163	<b>DZINGAI Brian</b> ZIM	28y	137d	1981	20.37	20.12 -04
Zimbabwean record holder at 200m ... fourth in 2008 Olympic 200m final 20.06w -04. 100 pb: 10.03w -07, 10.23 -08 (10.24 -09). sf COM 100 2002 (qf 200); sf WCH 200 2007 (2003-ht, 2005/2009-qf); 4 OLY 200 2008 (2004-qf) ... Coach-Ken Harnden (3 COM 400H 98) ... 1.68 tall In 2009: 4 Kingston 200; 3 Osaka 100 (4 200); 5 Prague 100; 2 Bydgoszcz 200; 2 Ostrava 200 (1 100 'B'); 3 Lille 200 (5 100); 4 Lausanne 200 'B'; 6 Athens 200; 1 Heusden 200; dnf/qf WCH 200; 8 Gateshead 100							
8,	113	<b>BUCKLAND Stéphan</b> MRI	32y	236d	1977	20.33	20.06 -03
World Athletics Final winner at 200m in 2008 ... 100 pb: 10.13 -01/02 (10.15 -09). 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, 2009-qf); 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, Milane (5) & Faith (1) In 2009: 1 Germiston 100/200; 6 Ostrava 200; 2 Tomblaine 100; 1 Málaga 200; 1 Lille 100 (2 200); 3 Madrid 100; 7 Lausanne 200; 2 Athens 200 (8 100 'B'); 8qf WCH 200							

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## Men's 1500 Metres

Sun/19:20

2009 World Best:	3:29.47	Augustine Choge KEN	Berlin	14 Jun 09
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AWARDS	
1st: \$30,000	5th: \$5000
2nd: \$20,000	6th: \$4000
3rd: \$12,000	7th: \$3000
4th: \$7000	8th: \$2000

**New World Record: \$100,000**

			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	82	<b>CHOGE Augustine</b> KEN	22y	235d	1987	3:29.47	3:29.47 -09
<p>Full name-Augustine Kiprono Choge                      2006 Commonwealth Games Champion at 5000m ... 2005 World Junior Cross Country Champion                      Mile pb: 3:50.22 -09. 3000 pb: 7:28.78 -05 (7:39.62 -09). 5000 pb: 12:53.66 -05. 800 pb: 1:44.86 -09. 1 East African youth 800/1500/3000                      2003; 1 World Youth 3000 2003; 1 World Junior 5000 2004; ht WCH 5000 2005; 1 COM 5000 2006; 10 OLY 1500 2008 (ran with stress                      fracture); 5 WCH 1500 2009. At WXC: 2003-4J, 2005-1J, 2006-7 short, 2008-12. In Berlin 2004 at age 17 he became the youngest ever                      man to break 13 minutes for 5000m ... coach-Brother Colm O'Connell                      In 2009: 7 Edinburgh XC; 2 Prague 1000; 1 Doha 1500; 2 Hengelo 5000; 1 Berlin Golden League 1500 (3:29.47, the world's fastest since                      2006); 4 Ostrava 800 (pb 1:44.86); 3 Oslo Golden League Mile (pb); 3 Kenyan World Trials 1500; 5 WCH 1500; 1 Zurich Golden League                      1500; 1 Brussels Golden League 4x1500 (anchored team to world record); 13 Rieti 3000</p>							
2,	22	<b>ALI Belal Mansoor</b> BRN	20y	330d	1988	3:32.10	3:31.49 -07
<p>TRANSFEEEE – Formerly: John Yego KEN                      World &amp; Olympic finalist at 1500m                      800 pb: 1:44.02 -07 (1:45.26 -09). 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); 9 WCH 1500 2009 (sf 800). At WXC: 2005-10J, 2006-21J. Holds World Youth bests at                      800m &amp; 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                      In 2009: 10 Doha 1500; 4 Eugene Mile; 2 Thessaloniki 1500; 4 Berlin Golden League 1500; 4 Ostrava Mile; 3 Lausanne 1500; 5 Rome                      Golden League 1500; 4 Tangiers 1500; 1 Heusden 800; 1 Stockholm 1000; 9 WCH 1500 (sf 800); 2 Zurich Golden League 1500; 1 Zagreb                      1500; 2 Brussels Golden League 4x1500; 4 Rieti 1500</p>							
3,	27	<b>BRANNEN Nate</b> CAN	27y	5d	1982	3:36.53	3:34.65 -08
<p>2006 Commonwealth silver ... twice US Collegiate Champion indoors at 800m                      Mile pb: 3:52.63 -09 (3:54.57 -09). 800 pb: 1:46.00 -02 (1:46.61 -09). ht WCH 800 2001; sf COM 800 2002; sf WCH 2005/2009; 2 COM                      2006; 6 WCP 2006; sf OLY 2008. 1 Canadian 2006/2009. 1 NCAA indoor 800 2003/2004. At WXC: 2001-28J. Was at the University of                      Michigan, taking degree in Sports Management and Communications ... coach-Ron Warhurst                      In 2009: 1 Ann Arbor 800; 2 Carson; 5 New York 800; 3 Eugene Mile; 1 Toronto Mile; 1 Canadian; 6 Oslo Golden League Mile; 5 Lausanne;                      9 Athens 800; 1 Heusden; 5 London Mile; 9 Stockholm 1000; 9sf WCH; 5 Gateshead</p>							
4,	145	<b>MANZANO Leonel</b> USA	24y	365d	1984	3:33.33	3:33.33 -09
<p>Winner of US Collegiate titles indoors &amp; out, representing the University of Texas where he was a student of Spanish, Portuguese and                      Business                      Mile pb: 3:53.01 -09. sf OLY 2008; 12 WCH 2009 (2007-ht). 1 NCAA 2005/2008 (2006-4, 2007-2). 1 NCAA indoor mile 2007/2008. Born-                      Mexico (Doleres Hidalgo), when he was four his family moved to Texas ... coaches-John Cook &amp; Ryan Ponsoyby                      In 2009: 14 Carson; 1 St. Louis Mile; 1 New York; 13 Eugene Mile; 2 US Champs; 2 London Mile; 10 Stockholm 1000; 12 WCH; 9 Zurich                      Golden League; 1 Gateshead; 2 Rieti</p>							
5,	83	<b>GATHIMBA Gideon</b> KEN	29y	187d	1980	3:33.97	3:33.63 -08
<p>Twice Kenyan Champion ... Mile pb: 3:52.98 -09. 1 World Military Games 2007; 2 African Champs 2008. 1 Kenyan 2008/2009                      In 2009: 7 Sydney; 4 Melbourne; 6 Doha; 4 Hengelo; 1 Thessaloniki; 6 Berlin Golden League; 3 Ostrava Mile; 1 Kenyan; 4 Lausanne; 13                      Rome Golden League; 4 Kenyan World Trials; 3 Gateshead; 1 Brussels Golden League 4x1500 (ran second leg for Kenyan team which set                      world record); 9 Rieti</p>							
6,	104	<b>BIWOTT William</b> KEN	19y	192d	1990	3:31.70	3:31.70 -09
<p>Full-name-William Biwott Tanui                      World Junior record holder at one mile, set in Oslo 2009                      Mile pb: 3:49.49 -09. 3 Kenyan junior 2008, so just missed Kenyan's World Junior Championship squad ... coaches-Patrick Sang &amp; Joseph                      Chelimo ... his father said he would support him for two years to see whether he could become a professional runner (this is his second                      year)                      In 2009: 1 Rehlingen; 2 Baunatal; 1 Huelva 'B' (won by almost five seconds); 3 Berlin Golden League (3:32.34 to move into sixth place on                      the world junior all-time list); 2 Oslo Golden League Mile (set world junior record 3:49.29); 3 Rome Golden League; 5 Kenyan World Trials; 1                      Brussels Golden League 4x1500 (ran first leg for Kenyan team which set world record); 1 Rieti</p>							
7,	168	<b>OBRIST Christian</b> ITA	28y	296d	1980	3:37.97	3:35.32 -07
<p>2008 Olympic finalist ... 8x Italian Champion ... 800 pb: 1:46.48 -09. 4 EJC 99; 4 ECP 2001 (2002/2003/2004/2006/2008-7, 2005-6); 4 under                      -23 ECH 2001; 7 ECH 2002/2006; 4 World Military 2002; sf WCH 2003/2007; ht WIC 2007; 7 ECP 2008; 12 OLY 2008; 6 EIC 2009. 1                      Italian 2000/2002/2003/2004/2005/2006/2002/2007; 1 Italian indoor 2001/2006/2008/2009. At WXC: 99-66J, 2001-71 short. At EXC: 99                      -29J. former Electrician ... coach-Ruggero Grassi                      In 2009: 1 Italian indoor; 6 EIC; 3 Italian Clubs 800; 1 Turin Mile; 9 Mediterranean Games; 1 Zaragoza 800; 6 Barcelona; 8ht WCH; 4 Padua                      800; 4 Rovereto 800; 13 Rieti; 1 Barletta 800</p>							
8,	42	<b>MEKONNEN Deresse</b> ETH	21y	328d	1987	3:32.18	3:32.18 -09
<p>Full name-Deresse Mekonnen Tsigu                      2009 World silver ... surprise World Indoor Champion in 2008                      Mile pb: 3:48.95 -09. 3000 pb: 7:32.93 -09. 5000 pb: 13:07.75 -09. 5 African Games 2007; 1 WIC 2008; 4 African Champs 2008; sf OLY                      2008; 2 WCH 2009 (2007-ht)                      In 2009: 1 Dakar 3000; 2 Ethiopian; 3 Doha; 1 Rabat; 2 Hengelo; 2 Milan 5000; 1 Oslo Golden League Mile; 1 Lausanne 3000; 6 Monaco; 2                      WCH 1500 (let at bell and until final strides); 7 Rieti 3000</p>							
9,	169	<b>MOUSTAOU Mohamed</b> MAR	24y	164d	1985	3:32.60	3:32.06 -08
<p>2007 Arab Champion ... caused a shock by defeating Bernard Lagat in 2006 Gateshead 1500m                      800 pb: 1:45.44 -09. 5000 pb: 13:22.61 -05. 4 WJC 2004; 5 African Champs 2006; 1 Arab 2007; sf OLY 2008; 2 Mediterranean Games                      2009; 6 WCH 2009 (2007-sf). At WXC: 2003-28J, 2004-14J, 2005-14 short. Based-Rabat ... coach-Ayoub El Madili                      In 2009: 4 Doha; 5 Rabat; 3 Hengelo; 2 Mediterranean Games; 7 Rome Golden League; 2 Tangiers 800; 6 WCH; 6 Zurich Golden League</p>							

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**KAMEL Youssef Saad** BRN**26y** 168d 1983 **3:31.56****3:31.56 -09**

TRANSFEREE – Formerly: Gregory Konchellah KEN

New World Champion at 1500m ... Asian record holder at 800m ... 2008 World indoor bronze at 800m

800 pb: 1:42.79 -08 (1:44.83 -09). 1000 pb: 2:14.72 -08. sf WCH 800 2005/2007; 1 WCP 800 2006. 1 World Athletics Final 800 2004/2007; 1 Asian Games 800 2006; 1 Asian indoor 800 2008; 3 WIC 800 2008 (2004-sf); 5 OLY 800 2008 (2004-ht); 1 WCH 1500 2009 (3 800). The IAAF approved his transfer from November 23, 2003 ... his father is twice World 800m Champion Billy Konchellah ... coach- Tareq Yaqoob (husband/coach of Maryam Jamal)

In 2009: 1 Sydney 1500; 3 Melbourne 1500; 9 Lausanne 800; 4 Monaco 1500; 5 Stockholm 800; 1 WCH 1500 (3 800); 4 Zurich Golden League 1500; 5 Rieti 800

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## Men's 5000 Metres

Sun/18:40

2009 World Best:	12:52.32	Kenenisa Bekele ETH	Zurich	28 Aug 09
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AWARDS	
1st: \$30,000	5th: \$5000
2nd: \$20,000	6th: \$4000
3rd: \$12,000	7th: \$3000
4th: \$7000	8th: \$2000

**New World Record: \$100,000**

			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	39	<b>BEKELE Kenenisa</b> ETH	27y	92d	1982	12:52.32	12:37.35 -04
<p>Olympic Champion, World record holder and now World Champion at 5000m &amp; 10,000m                      10,000 pb: 26:17.53 -05 (26:45.31 -09). 3000 pb: 7:25.79 -07 (7:28.64 -09). 1500 pb: 3:32.35 -07. 2 World Youth 3000 1999; 2 WJC 5000 2000; 1 WCH 10,000 2003/2005/2007 (3 5000 2003); 1 OLY 10,000 2004 (2 5000); 1 WIC 3000 2006; 1 African Champs 5000 2006; 2 WCP 3000 2006; 1 OLY 5000/10,000 2008 (he ran the last mile of the 5000m in 3:58.7). At WXC: 99-9J, 2001-2 short, 1J, 2002/2003/2004/2005/2006-1 short/1 long, 2007-dnf, 2008-1. Married actress and model Danawit Gebregziabher in Addis Ababa in November 17, 2007 ... suffered a stress fracture during an attempt to break a world record at 15Km in Nimegen on November 16, 2008 ... full name-Kenenisa Bekele Beyecha                      In 2009: dnf Hengelo 1500 (pain in right thigh); 1 Berlin Golden League 5000; 1 Oslo Golden League 5000; 1 Rome Golden League 5000; 1 Paris Golden League 3000 (eighth successive win at 3000, he last lost to Craig Mottram at the World Cup on September 17, 2006); 1 WCH 10,000 (12th successive win at 10,000m, never beaten at the distance); 1 WCH 5000; 1 Zurich Golden League 5000; 1 Brussels Golden League 5000(won a third share of the \$1M Golden League Jackpot) (17th successive win at 5000m)</p>							
2,	101	<b>ROTICH Lucas</b> KEN	19y	150d	1990	12:58.70	12:58.70 -09
<p>Full name-Lucas Kimeli Rotich                      Third in 2008 World Cross Country Championships junior race                      3000 pb: 7:41.14 -09. 2 World Youth 3000 2007. At WXC: 2008-3J                      In 2009: 8 San Giorgio su Legnano "Campaccio" XC; 8 Berlin Golden League 5000; 4 Rome Golden League 5000; 4 Heusden 5000; 8 Monaco 3000; 8 Brussels Golden League 5000</p>							
3,	171	<b>KIPLIMO Joseph</b> KEN	21y	54d	1988	13:09.34	13:09.34 -09
<p>3000 pb: 7:31.20 -09. 6 African Champs 5000 2008                      In 2009: 2 Rabat 5000; 1 Marseille 5000; 1 Sotteville-lès-Rouen 3000; 6 Kenyan World Trials 5000; 10 Monaco 3000; 4 Wattenscheid 3000; 1 Rovereto 5000; paced Brussels Golden League 5000; 1 Rieti 3000</p>							
4,	43	<b>MERGA Imane</b> ETH	20y	332d	1988	12:55.66	12:55.66 -09
<p>Fourth in 2009 World 10,000 ... 10,000 pb: 27:15.94 -09. 3 African junior 10,000 2007. 1 French 10,000 2008                      In 2009: 2 Ethiopian 10,000; 4 New York 5000; 3 Milan 5000; 1 Lille 10,000; 6 Rome Golden League 5000; 4 WCH 10,000; 2 Brussels Golden League 5000</p>							
5,	85	<b>KIGEN Mike</b> KEN	23y	241d	1986	13:04.38	12:58.58 -06
<p>2006 Kenyan Champion at 5000m ... full name-Mike Kipruto Kigen ... 3000 pb: 7:35.87 -06 (7:43.76 -09). 10,000 pb: 28:03.70 -06. 2 African Champs 5000/10,000 2006; 2 WCP 5000 2006. At WXC: 2006-5 long (team gold). 1 Kenyan 5000 2006                      In 2009: 10 Oslo Golden League 5000; 11 Lausanne 3000; 6 Zaragoza 3000; 3 London 5000; 8 Gateshead 3000; 9 Brussels Golden League 5000</p>							
6,	38	<b>ABDOSH Ali</b> ETH	22y	16d	1987	12:56.53	12:56.53 -09
<p>Before Berlin, he was best known for being the unlucky reserve who did not get to run at the Beijing Olympics when Kenenisa Bekele decided to run both the 5000m &amp; 10,000                      10,000 pb: 27:04.92 -07 (27:09.40 -09). 3 African Junior 10,000 2005 (4 5000); 5 African Games 5000 2007; 3 African Champs 5000 2008; 6 WCH 5000 2009. At WXC: 2006-5 short</p> <p>In his 5000m heat at the 2009 World Championships, his shoe came off after a collision and fall; he spent 16 seconds trying to force his shoe back on, then ran the next 2000m in 5:05 in a vain bid to qualify by right for the final. In the circumstances, he was then advanced to the final by the track referee in accordance with IAAF rule 163.2</p> <p>In 2009: 4 Carlsbad 5K; 1 Ethiopian 5000; 1 Hengelo 5000; 1 Utrecht 10,000; 6 Oslo Golden League 5000; 14 Rome Golden League 5000; 6 WCH 5000; 4 Brussels Golden League 5000</p>							
7,	95	<b>KOGO Micah</b> KEN	23y	75d	1986	13:01.30	13:00.77 -06
<p>Full name-Micah Kemboi Kogo                      World record holder for road 10K, set in the Brunssum "Parelloop" 10K on March 29, 2009 ... 2008 Olympic bronze at 10,000m                      10,000 pb: 26:35.63 -06 (27:26.33 -09). 10K pb: 27:01 -09. 3000 pb: 7:38.67 -07. 3 OLY 10,000 2008; 7 WCH 10,000 2009. 1 AAA road 10K 2005; 1 Brussels 10,000 2006 (2007-3)                      In 2009: 1 Le Mans XC; 2 San Sebastián XC; 1 Brunssum "Parelloop" 10K (world road record 27:01); 1 Edinburgh 10K; 1 New York 5000; 3 Berlin Golden League 5000; 7 WCH 10,000; 10 Zurich Golden League 5000</p>							
8,	96	<b>KOMON Leonard</b> KEN	21y	246d	1988	12:58.24	12:58.24 -09
<p>Full name-Leonard Patrick Komon                      Second in 2008 World Cross Country Championships at age 20, then fourth in 2009                      10,000 pb: 26:57.08 -08 (28:02.24 -09). 3000 pb: 7:33.27 -09. At WXC: 2006-2J, 2007-4J, 2008-2, 2009-4. Youngest of 14 children                      In 2009: 4 WXC; 8 Eugene 3000; 6 Kenyan 10,000; 7 Lausanne 3000; 3 Rome Golden League 5000; 6 Paris Golden League 3000; 6 Monaco 3000; 9 Zurich Golden League 5000; 10 Brussels Golden League 5000; 8 Rieti 3000</p>							
9,	92	<b>KIPTOO Mark</b> KEN	33y	83d	1976	12:57.62	12:57.62 -09
<p>Full name-Mark Kosgei Kiptoo                      Member of Kenyan Air Force, he served on peacekeeping missions in Burundi                      10,000 pb: 27:14.67 -08. 3000 pb: 7:32.97 -09. 9 African Games 5000 2007; 1 World Military Games 5000 2007 (2 10,000). 4 Kenyan Olympic Trials 10,000 2008. At WXC: 2008-14, 2009-7                      In 2009: 7 Kenyan Armed Forces XC; 3 Kenyan XC; 7 WXC; 2 Charleston 10K; 1 New Orleans 10K; 6 Doha 3000; 2 Bangalore 10K; 7 Berlin Golden League 5000; 2 Rome Golden League 5000; 5 Monaco 3000; paced Zurich Golden League 5000; 4 Gateshead 3000; 11 Brussels Golden League 5000</p>							

- 10,** 80 **CHEBII Abraham** KEN **29y** 264d 1979 **13:01.08** **12:52.99 -03**  
 Silver in 2005 World Short XC ... 10,000 pb: 27:04.20 -01. 3000 pb: 7:33.42 -06 (7:41.43 -08). 1 Grand Prix Final 3000 2002; 5 WCH 5000 2003; dnf OLY 5000 final 2004 (calf injury). At WXC: 2000-5 short, 2002-24 short, 2005-2 short. Full name: Abraham Chebii Kosgei ... once was very fast at finish, in 2003 ran a sub-25 last 200m in a 12:57 5000m race  
 In 2009: 8 Kenyan XC; 2 Brunssum "Parelloop" 10K; 4 Dakar 3000; 1 Würzburg 10K; 3 Marseille 10K; 8 Hengelo 5000; 9 Turin 3000; 2 Berlin Golden League 5000; 7 Oslo Golden League 5000; 13 Rome Golden League 5000; 7 Gateshead 3000; 15 Brussels Golden League 5000
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- 11,** 81 **CHEPKOK Vincent** KEN **21y** 69d 1988 **12:55.98** **12:55.98 -09**  
 Full name-Vincent Kiprop Chepkok  
 2009 Kenyan Armed Forces Cross Country Champion  
 10,000 pb: 28:23.46 -06. At WXC: 2007-2J. 1 Kenyan junior XC 2008  
 In 2009: 1 Kenyan Armed Forces XC; 1 Turin 3000; 4 Berlin Golden League 5000; 2 Kenyan 5000; 3 Oslo Golden League 5000; 1 Kenyan World Trials 5000; 9 WCH 5000; 4 Zurich Golden League 5000; 3 Brussels Golden League 5000
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- 12,** 103 **SOI Edwin** KEN **23y** 194d 1986 **12:55.03** **12:52.40 -06**  
 Full name-Edwin Cheruiyot Soi  
 2008 Olympic 5000m bronze ... 10,000 pb: 27:14.83 -06. 3000 pb: 7:31.48 -09. 4 WIC 3000 2008; 3 OLY 5000 2008. At WXC: 2006-8 short, 2007-9. Self-coached ... Italian-managed, he stays in Trento when competing in Europe ... as of 2008 he owns a small block of flats and five-acre farm in his home town of Kericho ... wife-Caroline, their daughter Chelangat born July 5, 2005  
 He won 3000m & 5000m double at 2007 World Athletics Final, then the 5000m again in 2008  
 In 2009: 3 Doha 3000; 4 Hengelo 5000; 9 Berlin Golden League 5000; 9 Oslo Golden League 5000; 4 Lausanne 3000; 4 Kenyan World Trials 5000; 2 Zurich Golden League 5000; 3 Rieti 3000

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## Men's 3000m Steeplechase

Sun/20:00

2009 World Best: 7:58.85 Ezekiel Kemboi KEN Doha 5 May 09

Paul Kipsiele Koech going for his fifth successive WAF victory following his wins in 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008

### 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,	89	<b>KIPRUTO Brimin</b> KEN	24y	44d	1985	8:03.17	8:02.89 -07
<p>2008 Olympic &amp; 2007 World Champion ... 2004 Olympic silver ... 2005 World bronze 1500 pb: 3:35.23 -06. 2 World Youth 2001; 3 WJC 1500 2004; 1 WCH 2007 (2005-3, 2009-7); 1 OLY 2008 (2004-2). At WXC: 2005-37 short, 2006-18 short ... third of 10 children In 2009: 3 Doha; 1 Hengelo; 2 Ostrava; 1 Athens; 1 Kenyan World Trials; 7 WCH; 8 Zurich Golden League</p>							
2,	91	<b>KIPTEREGE Elijah</b> KEN	25y	186d	1984	8:10.63	8:10.63 -09
<p>Full name-Elijah Chelimo Kipterege ... 4 African Games 2007. 2 Kenyan 2008/2009 In 2009: 5 Doha; 3 Rabat; 3 Hengelo; 2 Bydgoszcz; 5 Ostrava; 2 Kenyan; paced Paris Golden League; 3 Barcelona; 7 Monaco; 12 Stockholm; 9 Zurich Golden League; 8 Brussels Golden League</p>							
3,	100	<b>MUTAI Abel</b> KEN	20y	345d	1988	8:11.40	8:11.40 -09
<p>Full name-Abel Kiprop Mutai Former World Youth &amp; African Junior Champion 1 World Youth 2000SC 2005; 1 African junior 2007 In 2009: 3 Kenyan; 1 Velenje; 4 Athens; 4 Paris Golden League; 5 Kenyan World Trials; 5 Monaco; 3 Stockholm; 7 Zurich Golden League; 10 Brussels Golden League</p>							
4,	24	<b>TAHER Tareq Mubarak</b> BRN	22y	286d	1986	8:06.13	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. 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 2009: 4 Doha; 4 Rabat; 1 Bydgoszcz; 4 Ostrava; 3 Athens; 1 Heusden; 1 Monaco; 10 WCH; paced Zurich Golden League; 7 Brussels Golden League</p>							
5,	93	<b>KIPYEGO Mike</b> KEN	25y	346d	1983	8:08.48	8:08.48 -09
<p>2002 World Junior 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 In 2009: 6 Doha; 5 Hengelo; 6 Athens; 4 Kenyan World Trials; 2 Monaco; 1 Stockholm; 11 Brussels Golden League</p>							
6,	88	<b>KIPROTICH Wesley</b> KEN	30y	43d	1979	8:14.45	8:05.68 -04
<p>2 COM 2006 In 2009: 9 Doha; 3ht Kenyan; 2 Tangiers; 5 Paris Golden League; 1 Barcelona; 6 Monaco; 2 Stockholm; 10 Zurich Golden League</p>							
7,	53	<b>TAHRI Bouabdellah</b> FRA	30y	267d	1978	8:01.18	8:01.18 -09
<p>(Familiar name – "Bob") ... 2009 World bronze with European record 1500 pb: 3:34.65 -09. 3000 pb: 7:33.18 -09. 5000 pb: 13:12.29 -07. 1 EJC 5000 97; 1 ECP 2000/2001/2002/2004 (1 3000 flat 2007); 11 WIC 3000 2001; 4 WCH 2003 (99-12, 2001/2007-5, 2005-8); 2 ECP 5000 2005; 3 ECH 2006 (98-10, 2002-4); 3 WCP 2006; 2 EIC 3000 2007/2009 (98-8); 1 ECP 3000 2007 (2007-8); 5 OLY 2008 (2000-ht, 2004-7). At EXC: 2008-6. His parents were Algerian ... coach-Jean-Michel Diringier (same as Mehdi Baala) In 2009: 3 French indoor 1500; 2 EIC 3000; 3 French XC; 1 Tomblaine 2000SC; 2 Lille 1500; 1 Metz 3000SC; 2 French 1500; 4 Monaco 3000; 3 WCH 3000SC; 2 Zurich Golden League 3000SC; 5 Rieti 1500 (pb); 3 Paris "DécaNation" 1500</p>							
8,	84	<b>KEMBOI Ezekiel</b> KEN	27y	111d	1982	7:58.85	7:58.85 -09
<p>2009 World Champion after three successive silvers ... Former Olympic Champion ... 2006 Commonwealth Games Champion (named son after the city) ... three times World silver medallist 1 African junior 2001; 4 African Champs 2002; 1 African Games 2003 (2007-2); 1 OLY 2004 (2008-7); 1 COM 2006 (2002-2); dq African Champs 2006; 1 WCH 2009 (2003/2005/2007-2) 1 Kenyan 2008. Unlike most Kenyan athletes, he did not start running until after leaving school ... son Kiprono Manchester Kemboi jnr born September 2, 2002 ... coach-Moses Kiptanui In 2009: 1 Doha; 1 Ostrava; disqualified from his heat at the Kenyan Championships (he says he does not why), then reinstated only to fall in the final; 2 Athens; 2 Paris Golden League; 3 Kenyan World Trials; 1 WCH; 1 Zurich Golden League; 1 Dubnica</p>							
9,	40	<b>GARI Roba</b> ETH	27y	154d	1982	8:12.03	8:12.03 -09
<p>Ethiopian record holder ... 5 African Games 2007; ht OLY 2008; 6 WCH 2009 (2007-10). 1 Ethiopian 2005/2007 In 2009: 1 Mustasaari 3000; 1 Ethiopian; 1 Río de Janeiro; 1 Dessau; 2 Eugene; 7 Ostrava; 5 Athens (broke Ethiopian record with 8:12.03); 9 Paris Golden League; 6 WCH; 5 Brussels Golden League</p>							
10,	44	<b>KESKISALO Jukka</b> FIN	28y	170d	1981	8:10.67	8:10.67 -09
<p>Shock European Champion in 2006 after being only sixth at the bell 5000 pb: 13:39.81 -09. 7 EJC 99; 7 WJC 2000; 3 under-23 ECH 2003; 3 ECP 2006; 1 ECH 2006; 4 WCP 2006; 8 WCH 2009 (2003-9, 2005-ht). 1 Finnish 2003/2005/2006/2008 (1 1500 2003/2006/2009). At WXC: 99-109J. At EXC: 99-78J, 2000-46J In 2009: 12 Stanford 10,000 'B'; 9 Mt. SAC Relays 5000 'B'; 9 Hengelo; 1 Huelva; 1 Kuortane 3000; 1 Tampere; 1 ETCh 1st League; 2 Lappeenranta 5000; 3 Paris Golden League; 1 Joensuu 3000; 1 Lapinlahti 2000; 4 Monaco; 1 Finnish 1500; 8 WCH; 1 Tallinn 1500 (pb 3:38.90); 6 Zurich Golden League (broke the 33 year-old Finnish record of Tapio Kantanen); 1 SWE v FIN; 3 Brussels Golden League</p>							
11,	94	<b>KOECH Paul Kipsiele</b> KEN	27y	307d	1981	8:01.26	7:56.37 -05
<p>2004 Olympic bronze ... could not qualifying for Kenyan team for the 2007 World Championships &amp; 2008 Olympic Games ... 6x below eight minutes but not since Brussels 2007 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; 1 African Champs 2006; 2 WCP 2006; 2 WIC 3000 2008; 4 WCH 2009 (2005-7). Not to be confused with two other (older) Kenyan athletes of the same name of Paul Koech ... youngest of eight sons ... wife-Irene Koech His only steeplechase defeat of 2008 was, crucially, at the Kenyan Olympic Trials In 2009: 2 Doha; 1 Rabat; 1 Eugene; 3 Ostrava; 6 Kenyan World Trials; 4 WCH; 3 Zurich Golden League</p>							

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**MATELONG Richard** KEN

**25y** 334d 1983 **8:00.89**

**8:00.89 -09**

Full name-Richard Kipkemboi Matelong

2009 World silver ... 2007 World bronze ... 2008 Olympic bronze

1 African Champs 2008 (2004-2); 3 OLY 2008; 2 WCH 2009 (2007-3). 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

In 2009: 2 Rabat; 4 Hengelo; 3 Bydgoszcz; 1 Kenyan; 2 Kenyan World Trials; 2 WCH; 5 Zurich Golden League; 2 Brussels Golden League

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## Men's 110 Metres Hurdles

Sun/21:15

2009 World Best:	13.04	Dayron Robles CUB	Ostrava	17 Jun 09
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AWARDS	
1st: \$30,000	5th: \$5000
2nd: \$20,000	6th: \$4000
3rd: \$12,000	7th: \$3000
4th: \$7000	8th: \$2000

**New World Record: \$100,000**

			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	59	<b>TURNER Andy</b> GBR	28y	358d	1980	13.30	13.27 -07
<p>Third on British all-time list at 110mH after Colin Jackson 12.91 and Tony Jarrett 13.00                      200 pb: 20.71w -07, 20.93 -06. 2 ECP 2006 (2004-3, 2003-5); 3 COM 2006; 3 ECH 2006; 4 EIC 2007/2009 (2005-ht); sf WCH 2007 (2009-ht); qf OLY 2008 (2004-ht); 1 ETCh 2009. 1 AAA indoors &amp; out 2006. 1 UK 2007/2008/2009. Started as a footballer, played for Nottingham County youth squad and once competed at Wembley stadium ... lives-Sutton, partner Natalie, their daughters Jasmin &amp; Carmen ... coach-Lloyd Cowan                      In 2009: dq UK indoor (false starts); 4 EIC; 4 Azusa 100; 1 Manchester "Great City Games" 150 'B'; 1 Hoorn; 1 Belgrade; 1 Hengelo; 3 Turin; 1 ETCh; 2 Oslo Golden League; 5 Lausanne; 1 UK Champs; 5 Paris Golden League; 5 Réthymno; 3 London; 6 Monaco; 5ht WCH (suffering from hamstring injury sustained at Britain's weather training camp); 5 Rieti</p>							
2,	164	<b>SVOBODA Petr</b> CZE	24y	337d	1984	13.33	13.29 -08
<p>Czech record holder indoors &amp; out ... 2009 European indoor bronze                      Dec pb: 7018 -04. dnq World Youth LJ 2001; ht WJC 100/110H 2002; ht EJC 110H 2003; dnf EIC Heptathlon 2005; sf WIC 60H 2008; sf OLY 2008; 3 EIC 2009 (2007-sf); 6 WCH 2009. 1 Czech indoor 60H 2007 ... 1.96/87kg                      In 2009: 3 EIC; 1 Czech Clubs; 2 Hengelo; 7 Prague; 7ht London; 1 Ústí Nad Labem; 1 Wattenscheid; 6 WCH; 8 Zurich Golden League; 1 Czech Clubs; 5 Zagreb; 5 Brussels Golden League; 1 Dubnica</p>							
3,	136	<b>FAULK Dexter</b> USA	25y	151d	1984	13.13	13.13 -09
<p>6 World Youth 2001; 2 Pan-Am junior 2003; 1 North &amp; Central American &amp; Caribbean 2007. dq sf US Olympic Trials 2008 ... he can play the saxophone &amp; trombone ... studied criminal justice at Barton County Community College ... based-Kansas City ... coach-Al Hobson ... 1.87 tall                      In 2009: 2 US indoor; 4 Texas Relays 'B'; 2 Kansas Relays; 2 Drake Relays; 3 Baie Mahault; 5 Doha; 2 Ponce; 2 Belgrade; 7ht Hengelo 100; 1 Turin; 1 Prague; 2 Bydgoszcz; 1 Berlin Golden League; 2 Ostrava; 8 US Champs (stumbled in final after winning 13.16w heat &amp; 13.17w semi); 5 Oslo Golden League; 2 Lausanne (good race with Robles); 3 Rome Golden League; 3 Lucerne; 1 Paris Golden League; 2 Réthymno; 5 Gateshead; 7 Brussels Golden League; 4 Rieti</p>							
4,	162	<b>WILSON Ryan</b> USA	28y	267d	1980	13.21	13.02 -07
<p>2003 US Collegiate Champion ... 400H pb: 49.33 -03. 1 NCAA 2003. qf US Olympic Trials 2004. He was disqualified for false starting at the 2007 World Athletics Final. Graduate of art degree from the University of Southern California (he specialises in sculpture) ... keeps a pair of pet frogs "One Toe" and "Perch" ... coach-Darrell Smith                      In 2009: 2 Westwood; 1 Mt. SAC Relays; 1 Drake Relays; 2 Baie Mahault; 1 Rio de Janeiro; 1 Uberlândia; 1 Belém; 3 Hengelo; 2 Berlin Golden League; 5ht US Champs; 8 Oslo Golden League; 8 Lausanne; 6 Rome Golden League; 8 Athens; 9 Paris Golden League; 6ht London; 3 Stockholm 'B'</p>							
5,	19	<b>BRATHWAITE Ryan</b> BAR	21y	98d	1988	13.14	13.14 -09
<p>In Berlin 2009 became his country's first ever World Champion or World Championship medallist in athletics                      13.05w -09. 2 World Youth 2005; 1 Central American &amp; Caribbean junior 2006; dq ht WJC 2006; 4 Pan-Am Games 2007; sf WCH 2008; sf OLY 2008; 2 Central American &amp; Caribbean Champs 2009. In 2005 at age 17 he ran his first ever hurdle race, then later that summer won a silver medal at the World Youth Championships ... coach-Matt Kane (same as Alonso Edward/2 WCH 200 2009 &amp; Tabarie Henry/4 WCH 400 2009) ... 1.85/85kg                      In 2009: 1 Texas Relays; 1 Nebraska Invitational; 1 Fayetteville; 1 Norman; 1 Texas Invitational; 1 Hutchinson; 3 New York; 1 Bridgetown; 1 Barbados; 1 Bahamas; 2 Central American &amp; Caribbean Champs; 2 Athens; 1 Lucerne; 3 Réthymno; 2 Cuxhaven; 2 London; 1 WCH (13.14, his fifth Barbadian record of 2009); 3 Zurich Golden League; 1 Zagreb; 1 Brussels Golden League</p>							
6,	79	<b>THOMAS Dwight</b> JAM	28y	354d	1980	13.16	13.16 -09
<p>Fifth in 2005 World 100m, now Jamaican record holder at 110m hurdles ... ran in relay heats at 2008 Olympics and 2009 World Championships, so awarded gold medals won by Jamaica in the finals                      100 pb: 10.00 -05 (10.42 -09). 200 pb: 20.32 -07. 60H pb: 7.60i -04. 1 Central American &amp; Caribbean junior 110H 98 (6 100); 3 WJC 100 98 (1 4x100); 1 Pan-American Junior 100/200 99; 3 Pan-Am Games 4x100 99; qf OLY 200 2000 (4 4x100); =4 COM 100 2002 (2 4x100); sf WIC 60 2003; 8 WIC 60H 2004; sf OLY 100 2004; 5 WCH 100 2005 (2003-sf); 7 WCH 110H 2009. 1 Jamaican 100/200 2002 ... coach-Dennis Mitchell                      In 2009: 7 Kingston (May 2); 1 Orlando; 4 Turin; 2 Prague; 3 Bydgoszcz; 1 Orlando; 2 Jamaican; 1 Sotteville-lès-Rouen; 1 Salamanca; 1 Lignano; 2 Paris Golden League; 2 Barcelona; 3 Monaco; 7 WCH; 1 Zurich Golden League (broke Jamaican record and defeated all six men who beat him in Berlin); dq Gateshead; 2 Brussels Golden League; 1 Rieti</p>							
7,	133	<b>BROWN Joel</b> USA	29y	225d	1980	13.27	13.22 -05
<p>Sixth in 2005 World final ... 13.18w -09. 200 pb: 20.36w -08, 20.54 -09. 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 2009: 2 Melbourne; 2 Lake Buena Vista; 8 Greensboro; 1 Columbus; 4 Doha; 4 Rio de Janeiro; 2 Uberlândia; 2 Belém; 1 Orlando (Jun 6); 2 Orlando (Jun 13); 5sf US Champs; 1 Salamanca 'B'; 1 Athens; 2 Lucerne (1 200 'B'); 1 Joensuu; 5 Barcelona; 2 Monaco; 2 Stockholm; 6 Zagreb; 3 Brussels Golden League; 7 Rieti; 1 Paris "DécaNation"</p>							
8,	139	<b>HICKS Antwon</b> USA	26y	185d	1983	13.24	13.09 -08
<p>Former World Junior Champion ... 1 WJC 2002. 1 NCAA indoor 2004/2005; 2 NCAA 2005. Sociology graduate from the University of Mississippi ... coach-Joseph Walker                      In 2009: 1 Kansas Relays; 1 Kingston; 2 Doha; 2 Carson; 4 New York; dq/sf US Champs (swerved around a hurdle after stumbling); 1 Oslo Golden League; 4 Lausanne; 2 Rome Golden League; 2 Reims; 6 Paris Golden League; 8 London; 7 Monaco; 6 Stockholm</p>							



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## Men's Pole Vault

Sun/18:15

2009 World Best:	6.01 6.06i	Renaud Lavillenie FRA Steve Hooker AUS	Leiria Boston	21 Jun 09 7 Feb 09
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<b>AWARDS</b>	
<b>1st: \$30,000</b>	<b>5th: \$5000</b>
<b>2nd: \$20,000</b>	<b>6th: \$4000</b>
<b>3rd: \$12,000</b>	<b>7th: \$3000</b>
<b>4th: \$7000</b>	<b>8th: \$2000</b>

**New World Record: \$100,000**

			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	131	<b>MAZURYK Maksym</b> UKR	26y	164d	1983	5.80	5.82 -08
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-dnq); dnq OLY 2008; 4 WCH 2009 (2007-11) ... 1.90 tall In 2009: 1 Turkish Clubs; 3 European Clubs Cup 'B'; 1 Ukraine Cup/Yalta; 1 Hódmezovásárhely; 2 Prague; 1 Turkish Clubs; 1 Moscow Open; 1 Zhukovskiy; =6 Lausanne; 4 Monaco; =1 Stockholm; 4 WCH; =1 Rieti							
2,	49	<b>LAVILLENIE Renaud</b> FRA	22y	360d	1986	6.01	6.01-09
2009 European Indoor Champion & up from 5.65 to a French record 6.01 outdoors in 2009 10 under-23 ECH 2007; dnq WIC 2008; 1 EIC 2009; 1 ETCh 2009; 3 WCH 2009. 1 French under-23 indoor 2007/2008 ... coach-Damien Innocencio ... 1.76 tall In 2009: 2 French indoor; 1 EIC; 2 Oyonnax; 1 Algarve; 1 Cognac; 1 Niort; 1 Carquefou; 1 Forbach; 3 Russia Challenge; 1 Aubière; 1 ETCh; 3 Sotteville-lès-Rouen; 2 Lausanne; 1 Reims; 1 Paris Golden League; 2 French; 1 Monaco; 3 WCH; =2 Paris "DécaNation"							
3,	48	<b>DOSSÉVI Damiel</b> FRA	26y	222d	1983	5.75	5.75 -05/09
2005 European under-23 Champion ... dnq EIC 2005; 1 European under-23 2005 (2003-5=); 6 WCH 2009 (2005/2007-dnq). 1 French under-23 2003. Coach-George Martin (same as Romain Mesnil) ... father from Togo, twin sister Narayane Dossevi is an international long jumper ... 1.82 tall In 2009: 5 Oyonnax; 2 Tremblay-en-France; 1 Montreuil-sous-Bois; 1 European Clubs Cup 'B'; 3 Hérouville; =4 Prague; 1 Pessac; 1 Tomblaine; nh Sotteville-lès-Rouen; 3 Lausanne; 8 Reims; 2 Paris Golden League; 3 French; 9 Monaco; 1 Castres; 6 WCH; nh Gateshead; nh Rieti							
4,	123	<b>CHISTYAKOV Viktor</b> RUS	34y	216d	1975	5.70	5.90 -99
(Pronounced "Chist-ya-KOFF") ... former World Junior Champion ... was married to Tatyana Grigoryeva (2 OLY PV 2000), and competed for Australia ... now back in Russian colours 3 EJC 93; 1 WJC 94; 2 International Military Champs 95; 2 EIC 96 (2009-dnq); =5 OLY 2000 (96-dnq); 10 WCH 2001 (2003-11, 2009-10=); =4 COM 2002; 8 WCP TJ 2002; 6 WIC 2003. 1 Australian 99. 1 AAA indoor 2003. Father-Valentin (6 OLY 110H 60); Mother-Natalia (3 OLY 400 68); Sister-Nadezhda (3 WJC 100H 88) ... born-Moscow, moved to Australia in 1996, represented that country in 1999-2003, retired in 2005 then returned to Russia in late 2006 and resumed vaulting ... married Russian distance runner Anna Alminova in November 2008 ... 2.03 tall In 2009: 3 Russian indoor; dnq EIC; nh European Clubs Cup; =9 Prague; 4 Bydgoszcz; 1 Moscow City Champs; 6 Moscow Open; nh Zhukovskiy; 1 Russian; 5 Stockholm; =10 WCH; =1 Gateshead; =1 Rieti							
5,	155	<b>SCOTT Jeremy</b> USA	28y	135d	1981	5.75	5.75 -09
2.09 tall (6 feet 10) ... 5.82i -09. dnq WIC 2003; dnq WCH 2009 ... graduate in Neuroscience from Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania In 2009: 1 US indoor; 2 Drake Relays; 3 Fukuroi; 6 Osaka; 2 Eugene; 2 US Champs; 6 Champaign IL; 2 Karlskrona; 5 Reims; 1 Zaragoza; 3 Jockgrim; 4 London; 10 Monaco; dnq WCH; 4 Gateshead; =3 Rieti							
6,	66	<b>FILIPPIDIS Konstadinos</b> GRE	22y	291d	1986	5.65	5.75 -05
Greek record holder ... 3 European Youth Olympics 2003; 4 World Youth 2003; 4 WJC 2004; 2 EJC 2005; 2 WSG 2005; dnq ECH 2006; 4 ETCh 2009; 9 WSG 2009; dnq WCH 2009. 1 Greek 2005/2007/2009. Served two-year doping suspension 2007-2009 ... coach-Dimitris Kitteas ... ex-gymnast ... 1.87 tall In 2009: 1 Athens (Apr 25); 1 Greek Army Champs; 1 Édessa; 4 ETCh; 9 World Student Games; 1 Greek; dnq WCH							
7,	50	<b>MESNIL Romain</b> FRA	32y	92d	1977	5.85	5.95 -03
Twice World silver medallist ... 5x French Champion ... no height ECH qualifying 98; 1 under-23 ECH 99; dnq OLY 2000/2004/2008; 3 WIC 2001 (99-6=, 2003/2004-7, 2006-dnq); dnq ECH 2002; 1 ECP 2003/2004/2006 (2000-5, 2007-2, 2008-nh); =2 ECH 2006; 4 WCP 2006; 2 WCH 2007/2009 (99-nh final, 2001-5, 2003-nh qual.); 7 EIC 2009 *98-8, 2002-10=) 1 French 2000/2001/2002/2008/2009. Was a gymnast between the ages of 7 & 17; gave up because he grew too tall ... born-Plessis-Bouchard ... coach-Georges Martin ... in 2009 he attracted sponsorship (from an internet hosting company) by running naked with his pole through the streets of Paris then posting a film online ... 1.88 tall In 2009: 1 French indoor; 7 EIC; 2 Forbach; 1 Hérouville; 1 Prague; 2 Tomblaine; 1 Sotteville-lès-Rouen; 4 Lausanne; 2 Reims; 5 Paris Golden League; 1 French; 3 Monaco; nh Castres; 2 WCH; =2 Paris "DécaNation"							
8,	148	<b>MILES Derek</b> USA	36y	349d	1972	5.75	5.85 -08
Fourth in 2008 Olympics ... US Champion indoors in 2003 & outdoors in 2008 5.82i -09. 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, 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 2009: 1 Drake Relays; 2 Osaka; nh Eugene; 2 US Champs; 1 Champaign IL; 4 Reims; 4 Paris Golden League; 1 Jockgrim; 2 London; 6 Monaco; nh WCH final; =1 Gateshead; =3 Rieti; 1 Paris "DécaNation"							

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## Men's Long Jump

Sun/18:20

2009 World Best:	8.74	Dwight Phillips USA	Eugene	7 Jun 09
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AWARDS	
1st: \$30,000	5th: \$5000
2nd: \$20,000	6th: \$4000
3rd: \$12,000	7th: \$3000
4th: \$7000	8th: \$2000

**New World Record: \$100,000**

			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	33	<b>NOVOTNY Roman</b> CZE	23y	251d	1986	8.16	8.21 -08
2008 Olympic finalist ... TJ pb: 15.49 -05. HJ pb: 2.15i -05. 7 World Youth 2003; dnq EJC HJ 2005; 8 OLY 2008; dnq EIC 2009; 4 ETCh 2009. 1 Czech 2008 In 2009: dnq EIC; 1 Prague (May 16); 1 Czech Clubs; 2 European Clubs Cup (3 TJ); 1 Prague (Jun 6); 2 Prague (Jun 8); 4 ETCh; 2 Czech; 5 Kladno; 8 Rome Golden League; 6 Athens; 6 Barcelona; dnq WCH; 2 Czech Clubs; 5 Zagreb; 1 Dubnica							
2,	128	<b>BADJI Ndiss Kaba</b> SEN	25y	357d	1983	8.13	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 2009: 2 South African LJ; 1 Dakar LJ; 3 Berlin Golden League LJ; 9 Madrid LJ; 6 Lausanne LJ; 2 World Student Games LJ; 7 Athens; 5 Monaco LJ; dnq WCH LJ							
3,	14	<b>LAPIERRE Fabrice</b> AUS	25y	331d	1983	8.35	8.35 -09
Winner at 2008 World Athletics Final and up from 8.19 to 8.57w/8.35 already in 2009 ... 2002 World junior silver ... 2006 Commonwealth bronze 8.57w -09. 100 pb: 10.48w, 10.56 -04. 2 WJC 2002; 3 COM 2006; 8 WCP 2006; dnq OLY 2008 4 WCH 2009. 1 NCAA 2005 (2006-2). 1 Australian 2009. Graduate in Sciences from Texas A&M (Agricultural and Mechanical) University ... born-Mauritius, moved to Sydney at age 2 ... coach-Jim van Hoogeten In 2009: 1 Texas A&M Invitational; 1 College Station; 1 Melbourne; 1 Australian; 3 Eugene; 4 Berlin Golden League; 3 Ostrava; 1 Madrid (beat Saladino & Mokoena with 8.57w & legal 8.35); 3 Lausanne; 3 Rome Golden League; 1 Athens; 4 London; nm Monaco; 4 WCH; 3 Tallinn; 2 Gateshead							
4,	52	<b>SDIRI Salim</b> FRA	30y	322d	1978	8.42	8.42 -09
(Sdiri Pronounced "Say-diri") ... French record holder ... 6x French Champion TJ pb: 16.10 -00. 7 ECH 2002 (2006-10); 7 WIC 2003 (2008-dnq); 2 ECP 2004/2005/2006 (2002-3, 2007-5); 12 OLY 2004 (2008-dnq); 5 WCH 2005 (2003-dnq, 2009-6); 5 WCP 2006; dnq EIC 2009; 7 ETCh 2009; 1 Mediterranean Games 2009. 1 French 2003/2004/2005/2006/2008/2009. He was struck by a stray javelin at the Rome Golden Gala on July 17, 2007. The javelin tore his right kidney and touched his liver ... born-Ajaccio, Corsica ... coach-Danielle Desmier In 2009: 2 French indoor; dnq EIC; 1 Montreuil-sous-Bois; 3 Hengelo; 1 Pierre-Bénite (8.42 to break the French record which had stood at 8.30 to Kader Klouchi since 1998); 5 Berlin Golden League; 2 Ostrava; 7 ETCh; 1 Lille; 1 Mediterranean Games; 7 Lausanne; 1 French; 3 Monaco; 6 WCH; 3 Gateshead; 2 Paris "DécaNation"							
5,	172	<b>WINTER Niels</b> GER	32y	170d	1977	8.04	8.21 -05
2009 European indoor silver ... 8.22i -09. Dec pb: 7346 -02. dnq WIC 2004; dnq OLY 2004; 1 ECP 2005 (2003/2007/2008-3, 2004-5); 12 WCH 2005 (2003/2009-dnq); 8 WSG 2005; 2 EIC 2009 (2005/2007-7) 10 ETCh 2009. 1 German 2003/2005 ... coach-Sebastian Hess In 2009: 3 German indoor; 2 EIC; 3 Weinheim; 2 Wesel; 1 Bad Langensalza; 10 Berlin Golden League; 10 ETCh; 1 Biberach; 2 German; 6 Salamanca; 4 Dillingen; 6 Lahti; dnq WCH; 4 Gateshead							
6,	119	<b>MOKOENA Godfrey</b> RSA	24y	191d	1985	8.50	8.50 -09
Also known as Khotso Mokoena 2008 Olympic silver ... 2009 World silver ... 2008 World Indoor Champion TJ pb: 17.25 -05. 5 World Youth HJ 2001; 12 WJC LJ 2002; 2 African Games TJ 2003 (3 LJ); 3 Afro-Asian Games LJ/TJ 2003; 1 WJC TJ 2004 (2 LJ); 2 COM TJ 2006 (4 LJ); 2 African Champs LJ/TJ 2006; 1 WIC LJ 2008 (2006-5); 2 OLY LJ 2008 (2004-dnq); 2 WCH LJ 2009 (2005-7, 2007-5). As a teenager he was a competitor at ballroom dancing and won South African titles at Tango and the Cha Cha ... South African record holder at both horizontal jumps, he has not competed at triple jump since 2007 but has not ruled out a return to that event In 2009: 3 Roodepoort 100; 1 Potchefstroom LJ; 2 Glasgow International indoor LJ; 1 Stellenbosch LJ; 1 Germiston LJ; 1 South African LJ; 2 Rabat LJ; 1 Kalamáta LJ; 1 Berlin Golden League LJ; 1 Ostrava LJ; 1 Turku LJ; 2 Madrid LJ (African record 8.50); 1 Lausanne LJ; 1 Lappeenranta LJ; 1 Barcelona LJ; 1 Monaco LJ; 1 Lahti LJ; 2 WCH LJ; 2 Padua LJ; 2 Rovereto LJ							
7,	58	<b>TOMLINSON Chris</b> GBR	27y	363d	1981	8.23	8.29 -07
2008 World indoor silver ... TJ pb: 15.35 -01. 100 pb: 10.69 -02. 12 WJC 2000; 6 under-23 ECH 2001; 1 ECP 2002/2004 (2001-2, 2003-5, 2008-4); 6 COM 2002/2006; 6 ECH 2002 (2006-9); 6 WIC 2004 (2003-dnq); 5 OLY 2004 (2008-dnq); 5 EIC 2007 (2005-dnq); 2 WIC 2008; 5 ETCh 2009; 8 WCH 2009 (2003-9, 2005/2007-dnq). 1 AAA indoor 2000/2001/2003/2004 (1 UK indoor 2008/2009); 1 AAA 2004. 1 UK 2007/2009 ... wife-Lucia Rovardi won the title of Miss Newcastle 2006 ... he moved from Middlesbrough to Hampstead in April 2007 ... coach-Frank Attoh ... 1.95 tall In 2009: 2 Lee Valley Open 60; 7 "Russian Winter" (Moscow); 3 Windsor Open 60; 1 UK indoor; 4 Prague; 1 European Clubs Cup; 1 Turin; 2 Bad Langensalza; 1 Cardiff "Super-8"; 5 ETCh; 2 Malles; 8 Madrid; 4 Lausanne; 1 UK Champs; 2 London; 2 Monaco; 8 WCH; 5 Gateshead; 4 Dubnica							
8,	152	<b>PHILLIPS Dwight</b> USA	31y	347d	1977	8.74	8.74 -09
2004 Olympic & three times World Champion ... TJ pb: 16.41 -99. 100 pb: 10.06 -09. 1 WIC LJ 2003; 1 WCH LJ 2003/2005/2009 (2001-8, 2007-3); 1 OLY LJ 2004 (2000-8). 1 US indoor LJ 2001; 1 US LJ 2003/2007/2009. Communications graduate from Arizona State University ... one of four brothers ... married Valerie Williams on November 13, 2004 ... pastimes include gardening and following the Atlanta Falcons American football team ... coach-Tom Tellez In 2009: 5ht US indoor 60; 5 Tempe 200 (8 100); 4 Greensboro 100; 1 Troy 100/200; 1 Baie Mahault LJ; 1 Athens GA 100; 1 Carson LJ; 2 Hengelo LJ (8.54); 1 Eugene LJ (8.74); 1 US Champs LJ (8.57w); 2 Lausanne LJ; 1 Rome Golden League LJ (8.61); 6 Athens 100 'B'; 5 Zaragoza 100; 1 London LJ (8.33w); 1 WCH LJ (8.54 after 8.44 in qualifying); 1 Gateshead LJ (8.39) (7 100)							

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## Men's Hammer Throw

Sun/18:00

2009 World Best:	82.58	Primoz Kozmus SLO	Celje	2 Sep 09
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AWARDS	
1st:	\$30,000
2nd:	\$20,000
3rd:	\$12,000
4th:	\$7000
5th:	\$5000
6th:	\$4000
7th:	\$3000
8th:	\$2000

**New World Record: \$100,000**

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	129	<b>29y</b>	348d	1979	<b>82.58</b>	<b>82.58 -09</b>
<p><b>KOZMUS Primoz</b> SLO                      Reigning Olympic &amp; World Champion ... HT pb: 82.30 -07. 12 under-23 ECH 99; 7 ECH 2006 (2002-dnq); 1 OLY 2008 (2000-dnq, 2004-6); 1 WCH 2009 (2003-5, 2007-2). 1 Slovenian 99-2004/2006/2008/2009 ... he is a former high jumper ... older sister-Simona is Slovenian women's Hammer record holder ... 1.88/106kg                      In 2009: 5 Warsaw; 1 Rio de Janeiro; 2 Uberlândia; 1 Belém; 1 Slovenian Cup/Velenje; 2 Bydgoszcz; 5 Ostrava; 2 ETCh 1st League; 1 Velenje; 1 Nove Mesto; 1 Slovenian; 1 WCH; 1 Zagreb; 1 Celje; 1 Dubnica; 2 Szombathely</p>						
2,	107	<b>25y</b>	198d	1984	<b>79.74</b>	<b>79.74 -09</b>
<p><b>AL-ZINKAWI Ali Mohamed</b> KUW                      Kuwaiti record holder ... 3x Asian Champion ... 6 World Youth 2001; 2 WJC 2002; 1 Arab 2003/2004; 1 Asian Champs 2003/2005/2007; dnq OLY 2004/2008; 2 Asian Games 2006; 12 WCH 2007 (2005/2009-dnq) ... 1.86/97kg                      In 2009: 1 Kuwait City (4x); 1 Gulf; 4 Prague; 9 Algiers; 4 Ostrava; 3 Moscow Open; 2 Réthymno; 1 Tapolca; dnq WCH; 5 Zagreb; 4 Dubnica; 4 Szombathely</p>						
<p>Only 75.10 in Berlin but he has set five Kuwaiti record since then (78.05, 78.23, 78.52, 79.31, 79.74)</p>						
3,	127	<b>31y</b>	105d	1978	<b>80.10</b>	<b>83.43 -02</b>
<p><b>ZAGORNYI Aleksey</b> RUS                      2007 Russian Champion ... won qualifying round at 2002 European Championships, then only 11th in the final, also 'only' 71.76 at 2008 European Cup                      5 EJC 97; 7 under-23 ECH 97; dnq OLY 2000; 4 WSG 2001; 11 ECH 2002; 6 ECP 2008; 8 ETCh 2009; 3 WCH 2009 (2003/2007-dnq). 1 Russian 2007/2009 ... coaches-Yuri Bakarinov &amp; Sergei Vasiliev ... 1.97/130kg                      In 2009: 3 Adler; 1 Russian winter; 6 European Throws Cup; 1 Adler; 2 Warsaw; 3 European Clubs Cup; 3 Prague; 5 Bydgoszcz; 8 ETCh; 2 Málaga; 4 Moscow Open; 3 Réthymno; 1 Russian; 3 WCH; 3 Zagreb; 3 Szombathely</p>						
4,	69	<b>27y</b>	207d	1982	<b>81.43</b>	<b>82.45 -06</b>
<p><b>PARS Krisztián</b> HUN                      2008 Olympic silver (promoted from fourth after doping violations by the Belorussian pair of Devyatovskiy &amp; Tikhon), though he still has not received it according to the Hungarian Team Handbook                      1 World Youth 99; 1 EJC 2001; 1 under-23 ECH 2003; 6 ECH 2006; 2 OLY 2008 (2004-5); 4 WCH 2009 (2005-7, 2007-5). 1 Hungarian 2005-2009 ... coaches-Zsolt Németh &amp; László Németh ... 1.88/113kg                      In 2009: 1 Hungarian winter; 1 European Throws Cup; 1 Veszprém; 1 Warsaw; 1 Halle; 1 Prague; 1 Bydgoszcz; 1 Kuortane; 1 Ostrava; 1 ETCh 1st League; 1 Málaga; 1 Moscow Open; 1 Lapua; 1 Lappeenranta; 1 Réthymno; 1 Lapinlahti; 1 Hungarian; 1 Szombathely; 4 WCH; 2 Zagreb; 3 Celje; 2 Dubnica; 1 Szombathely (Sep 8)</p>						
5,	30	<b>31y</b>	355d	1977	<b>77.65</b>	<b>80.41 -05</b>
<p><b>HAKLITS András</b> CRO                      Croatian record holder ... 2x US Collegiate Champion, representing the University of Georgia ... ex-Hungary; transfer approved by IAAF in July 1998                      dnq WJC 96; 10 WSG 99; 2 under-23 ECH 99; 10 ECH 2006 (98/2002-dnq); 8 OLY 2008 (2000/2004-dnq); 7 WCH 2009 (99/2005/2007-dnq). 1 NCAA 99/2002 (2000-2). 1 Croatian 98/99/2004/2005/2006/2008/2009 ... 1.91/115kg                      In 2009: 1 Athens GA; 4 Rio de Janeiro; 5 Uberlândia; 4 Belém; 1 Catalan; 1 Zagreb; 1 Osijek; 3 Algiers; 4 Istanbul; 2 ETCh 2nd League; 7 Málaga; 7 Mediterranean Games; 1 Varazdin; 1 Ried; 2 Nove Mesto; 2 Tapolca; 1 Croatian; 2 Szombathely (Aug 7); 7 WCH; 6 Zagreb; 6 Szombathely (Sep 8)</p>						
6,	118	<b>33y</b>	73d	1976	<b>79.30</b>	<b>83.38 -01</b>
<p><b>ZIÓLKOWSKI Szymon</b> POL                      Former Olympic Champion ... 2001 World Champion ... 12x 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, 2008-5); 1 ECP 2001/2004/2005/2007 (99-2, 95-6); 1 WCH 2001 (95/99-dnq, 2005-3, 2007-7, 2009-2); 2 ETCh 2009. 1 Polish 96/97/99-2002/2004-2009 ... Coach-Krzysztof Kaliszewski ... younger sister Michalina threw hammer 52.94 in 2000 ... second wife-Iwona Dorobisz (international sprinter) ... 1.92/117kg                      In 2009: 7 Warsaw; 3 Rio de Janeiro; 4 Uberlândia; 5 Belém; 8 Prague; 6 Bydgoszcz; 3 Königs Wusterhausen; 2 ETCh; 6 Málaga; 6 Moscow Open; 5 Réthymno; 1 Nikiti; 1 Polish; 2 WCH; 4 Zagreb; 3 Dubnica</p>						
7,	109	<b>35y</b>	27d	1974	<b>80.14</b>	<b>80.14 -09</b>
<p><b>SOKOLOVS Igors</b> LAT                      Latvian record holder &amp; 8x Champion ... dnq WCH 2007. 1 Latvian 2001-2008 ... 1.87/107kg                      In 2009: 1 Latvian winter; 6 Warsaw; 1 Jablonné; 1 Riga; 1 Tartu; 5 Prague; 2 Algiers; 3 Málaga; 2 Moscow Open; 1 Tyniste; dnq WCH</p>						
8,	130	<b>27y</b>	130d	1982	<b>79.28</b>	<b>79.28 -09</b>
<p><b>NAZAROV Dilshod</b> TJK                      2008 Olympic finalist ... 5 WJC 2000 (98-dnq); 1 Asian Junior 2001; 1 Central Asian 2003; 2 Afro-Asian Games 2003; 1 Asian Games 2006 (2002-9); 2 Asian Champs 2007 (2002-4, 2003-2); 9 OLY 2008 (2004-dnq); 11 WCH 2009 (2005/2007-dnq) ... 1.87/115kg                      In 2009: 1 Ukrainian winter; 1 Dushanbe; 2 Rio de Janeiro; 1 Uberlândia; 2 Belém; 2 Prague; 3 Bydgoszcz; 1 Istanbul; 2 Ostrava; 11 WCH</p>						

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## Men's Javelin Throw

Sun/20:30

2009 World Best:	91.28	Andreas Thorkildsen NOR	Zurich	28 Aug 09
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<b>AWARDS</b>	
<b>1st: \$30,000</b>	<b>5th: \$5000</b>
<b>2nd: \$20,000</b>	<b>6th: \$4000</b>
<b>3rd: \$12,000</b>	<b>7th: \$3000</b>
<b>4th: \$7000</b>	<b>8th: \$2000</b>

**New World Record: \$100,000**

			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	46	<b>WIRKKALA Teemu</b> FIN	25y	242d	1984	<b>87.23</b>	<b>87.23 -09</b>
Former World Youth & European Junior Champion ... 1 World Youth 2001; 7 WJC 2003; 1 EJC 2003; 6 under-23 ECH 2005; dnq ECH 2006; 5 OLY 2008; 9 WCH 2009 (2007-12). 1 Finnish 2009. Coach-Hannu Kangas (trains with Pitkämäki) ... 1.87/89kg In 2009: 7 Doha; 2 Seinäjoki; 6 Berlin Golden League; 2 Pihtipudas; 2 Oslo Golden League; 4 Paris Golden League; 1 Joensuu; 1 Finnish; 9 WCH; 4 Zurich Golden League; 3 SWE v FIN; 4 Brussels Golden League							
2,	63	<b>FRANK Mark</b> GER	32y	84d	1977	<b>83.86</b>	<b>84.88 -05</b>
2005 European Cup winner ... 2009 European Team Championships winner 3 under-23 ECH 99; 1 World Military 2002; 1 ECP 2005 (2007-5); 8 WCH 2005/2009; 1 ETCh 2009. 1 German 2009. Two sons Eric (7) & Yannick (5) ... mother-in-law is Anita Weiss (4 OLY 800 1976) ... coach-Ralf Skopnik ... 1.85/90kg In 2009: 1 Rostock; 1 Dessau; 2 International Military Champs; 4 Berlin Golden League; 1 ETCh; 1 German; 3 Rome Golden League; 6 Paris Golden League; 3 Cuxhaven; 1 Wattenscheid; 8 WCH; 1 Sondershausen; 5 Zurich Golden League; 1 Bad Köstritz							
3,	115	<b>THORKILDSEN Andreas</b> NOR	27y	165d	1982	<b>91.28</b>	<b>91.59 -06</b>
Uniquely (for a javelin thrower), he now holds Olympic, World & European titles 1 European Youth 99; 2 WJC 2000; 2 EJC 2001 (99-7); 4 under-23 ECH 2003; 1 OLY 2004/2008; 1 ECH 2006 (2002-dnq); 1 WCP 2006; 1 WCH 2009 (2001-dnq, 2003-11, 2005/2007-2). 1 Norwegian 2001/2003/2004/2005/2006/2009. 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 2009: 1 Doha; 1 Seinäjoki; 2 Berlin Golden League; 2 ETCh 1st League; 3 Oslo Golden League; 1 Rome Golden League; 1 Paris Golden League; 1 Stockholm; 1 Norwegian; 1 WCH; 1 Zurich Golden League; 2 Brussels Golden League (retired with a groin strain after one throw)							
4,	45	<b>PITKÄMÄKI Tero</b> FIN	26y	268d	1982	<b>87.79</b>	<b>91.53 -05</b>
2007 World Champion & 2008 Olympic bronze ... dnq WJC 2000; 6 EJC 2001; 3 under-23 ECH 2003; 1 ECP 2006; 2 ECH 2006; 1 WCH 2007 (2005-4, 2009-5); 3 OLY 2008 (2004-8). 1 Finnish 2004/2005/2006/2007 ... 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 ran a marathon in 2004 ... 1.95/92kg In 2009: 3 Seinäjoki; 1 Berlin Golden League; 1 ETCh 1st League; 1 Pihtipudas; 1 Oslo Golden League; 2 Rome Golden League; 2 Paris Golden League; 1 Lapinlahti; 3 Finnish; 5 WCH (suffering from what transpired to be an ear infection); 1 Brussels Golden League							
5,	132	<b>PYATNYTSYA Oleksandr</b> UKR	24y	61d	1985	<b>81.96</b>	<b>81.96 -09</b>
Ukrainian record holder ... 3 under-23 ECH 2007; dnq WCH 2009 ... 1.86/84kg In 2009: 1 Ukrainian winter; 1 Kiev; 2 Kalamáta; 2 Ukraine Cup/Yalta; 5 Warsaw; 3 Lille; 5 Rome Golden League; 5 Paris Golden League; 1 Ukrainian; 2 Stockholm; dnq WCH; 5 Tallinn							
6,	167	<b>KOVALS Ainars</b> LAT	27y	296d	1981	<b>82.47</b>	<b>86.64 -08</b>
Surprise Olympic silver medallist in 2008 ... twice World Student Games Champion 4 under-23 ECH 2001 (2003-6); 7 WCH 2005/2009 (2007-dnq); 1 WSG 2005/2009 (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 2009: 1 Latvian Universities; 2 Valmiera; 2 Dessau; 1 Warsaw; 7 Berlin Golden League; 1 Lille; 4 Oslo Golden League; 1 World Student Games; 2 Athens; 9 Stockholm; 7 WCH; 5 Brussels Golden League							
7,	108	<b>RAGS Eriks</b> LAT	34y	104d	1975	<b>82.23</b>	<b>86.47 -01</b>
(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-dnq); 6 WCH 2005 (97/2003/2009-dnq, 99-10, 2001-8, 2007-11). 1 Latvian 97/99/2000/2001/2002/2003/2006/2009 ... won accuracy throwing contest at 2000 Stockholm Grand Prix ... coach-Maris Griva ... 1.84/95kg In 2009: 2 Doha; 1 Hengelo; 1 Gothenburg; 2 Kuortane; 6 Lille; 7 Rome Golden League; 3 Athens; 7 Paris Golden League; 3 Stockholm; 1 Latvian							
8,	110	<b>VASILEVSKIS Vadims</b> LAT	27y	251d	1982	<b>90.71</b>	<b>90.73 -07</b>
2004 Olympic silver, when he set personal bests in qualifying & final ... fourth at the last two World Championships 8 WJC 2000; 7 EJC 2001; dnq ECH 2002; 7 under-23 ECH 2003; 2 World Military 2003; 2 OLY 2004 (2008-9); 4 ECH 2006; 1 WSG 2007; 4 WCH 2007/2009 (2005-dnq) ... coach-Valentina Eiduka ... his second sport is mountain biking ... has two younger sisters (Jana & Dana) who were javelin throwers ... 1.88/102kg In 2009: 4 Doha; 1 Valmiera (90.71, just 2cm below his best); 1 Tartu; 5 Berlin Golden League; 5 Oslo Golden League; 4 Rome Golden League; 1 Athens (88.33); 3 Paris Golden League; nm Stockholm; 4 WCH; 6 Zurich Golden League; 3 Brussels Golden League							