

The “Track and Field all-time Performances Homepage”

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Introduction

The “Track and Field all-time Performances Homepage” (<http://www.alltime-athletics.com>) is an athletics results and record website maintained and updated by the Swedish track-and-field expert Peter Larsson. Larsson draws his statistical data from many different sources, mainly from the ATFS annuals from the past years, but for the latest years much information has come from newsletters and the Internet. Today, the Internet has become more and more the main source for the information provided.

Form

The “Track and Field all-time Performances Homepage”, which was established in May 1997, has a very simple structure, there is no advertising distracting the user’s attention, and the navigation through the website is very easy.

From the entry page one learns at first sight that the information provided is very up-to-date, which is perhaps the most important quality criterion for a page like this (Figure 1).



Figure 1: “Track and Field all-time Performances” entry page

Starting from the website's entry page, the user has basically three search options:

1. By clicking either of the two buttons on the left sidebar ("Men" or "Women"), which will lead to a list of either the men's or women's standard and special events.
2. By putting in, for example, an athlete's name into the search slot, which will lead users to an overview of the events in which this athlete has competed.
3. By clicking the "What's New on this site" button on the right. This will provide a list of the latest entries.

By scrolling down this list, one learns, for example, that on July 18, 2014, a new result was added to the Men's 800m list. By clicking this entry, this list opens, and now one is at a loss, at first, where to look for this new entry. This problem can only be solved by putting in, for example, "07.2014" into the search slot of the browser. By pressing the enter key several times one will get all the new results for July 2014. Although this method is certainly somewhat cumbersome, it is the only way to find the new results added. It would certainly be better to present these results separately, for example at the top of the list.

At the top right of the list of search results there is also an "advanced search" button. By

clicking this button, the advanced search mask will open (Figure 2).

By putting in this mask, for example, an athlete's name combined with a certain place, one will get all results achieved by this athlete at this place (Figure 3).

Contents

Although the way of presenting the search results could be improved as far as visual clarity is concerned, the sheer contents of the "Track and Field all-time Performances Homepage" may be hardly beatable. The lists seem to absolutely complete and up-to-date. For example, the men's marathon list includes 2494 performances down to a time of 2:10:29. As with all other events, too, there is not only a list of legal marks but also a list of non-legal marks: short course, questionable performances, and drug abuse (Figure 4).

Conclusion

The "Track and Field all-time Performances Homepage" is an easy to navigate website that features very complete, up-to-date, and detailed statistical track-and-field information. It is very clearly structured, and there is no information distracting from the page's main purpose:



The image shows a screenshot of an advanced search interface. At the top, it says "Find pages with..." followed by four radio button options: "all of these words", "and this exact phrase", "and any of these words", and "and none of these words". The "all of these words" option is selected. Below these options are four input fields. The first field contains the text "Uhlemann", the second contains "Helsinki", and the other two are empty. To the right of the first field is a "Search" button. Below the input fields is a section with a grey background containing several settings: "show 10 results per page" (with a dropdown arrow), "description text normal" (with a dropdown arrow), "word stemming automatic" (with a dropdown arrow and a question mark icon), "accent sensitive" (with an unchecked checkbox and a question mark icon), and "case sensitive" (with an unchecked checkbox and a question mark icon).

Figure 2: Advanced Search mask

Search Results From This Site
 Found 3 items, now showing 1 - 3

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Men's 10000m
 82 1 Helsinki 08.08.2005 159:27.08.39 ... Saleshi Sihine ETH 29.01.83 2 Helsinki 08.08.2005 163:27.08.96 ... 17.06.2002
 975 27.42.09 Detlef Uhlemann FRG 13.09.49 3 Stockholm 04.07
[www.alltime-athletics.com/n_10000.htm](#)

Men's 5000m
 73 1 Helsinki 13.06.1998 3:12:39.74 ... 06 Luke Kipkosgei KEN 27.11.75 2 Helsinki 13.06.1998 869:13:07.06 Joseph ...
 Salah Hissou MAR 15.01.72 1 Helsinki 18.06.1997 880:13:07.17
[www.alltime-athletics.com/n_5000ok.htm](#)

Men's 3000m
 73 1 Helsinki 10.06.1999 12:7.26.62 ... 3+ Haile Gebrselassie ETH 18.04.73 1 Helsinki 13.06.1998 787:7:39.30 Mohamed ...
 Milion Wolde ETH 17.03.79 2 Helsinki 10.06.1999 969:7:40.67
[www.alltime-athletics.com/n_3000ok.htm](#)

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Figure 3: Advanced search results for the race times achieved by the German distance runner Uhlemann in Helsinki

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All-time men's best marathon

short course

1	210618	Bevoan Cheboi	KEN	2:03:58.26	1	Beijing	16.10.2009
2	210613	Alberto Tomba	ITA	2:04:00.50	1	New York City	25.10.1981
3	210518	Felix Vogel	GER	2:04:05	1	Catania	30.12.1998
4	210512	Floriane Rickes	GER	2:04:05	1	St. Petersburg	20.04.2010
5	210511	Shahid Mirza Yoo	IND	2:04:11.70	2	Catania	30.12.1998
6	210428	Donald Girdle	ITA	2:04:12.70	1	Verona	29.05.1992
7	210319	Giuseppe Leone	ITA	2:04:14.70	2	Verona	29.05.1992
8	210318	Rajni Fullemme	IND	2:04:15.47	1	Rome	14.05.1982
9	210313	Giuseppe Ruffalo	ITA	2:04:15.79	1	Verona	14.05.1982
10	210310	Yaroslav Hileta	ITA	2:04:22.44	3	Verona	30.05.1999
11	210210	Walter Dierckx	ITA	2:04:23.00	1	Verona	29.05.1992
12	210208	Gregoire Gaudin	IND	2:04:24.00	1	Verona	29.05.1992
13	210113	Wesleyan Tomasek	ITA	2:04:24.44	1	Rome	12.09.1999
14	210104	Adrien Basso	ITA	2:04:25.00	1	Verona	29.05.1992
15	210103	Roberto Conati	ITA	2:04:26.00	1	Catania	30.12.1998
16	210123	Joseph Chacoma	IND	2:04:26.00	1	Verona	29.05.1992
17	210120	Uweja Reim	ITA	2:04:26.47	1	Rome	12.09.1999
18	210119	Isabelle Hilde	ITA	2:04	1	Rome	12.09.1999

questionable performances

1	210611	Rudolf Herkenath	GER	2:04:00	1	Catania	29.07.1992
2	210501	Stefano Berrilli	ITA	2:04:02.00	1	Verona	22.10.1997
3	210109	Igor Borsari	ITA	2:04:04.00	1	Verona	04.09.1997
4	210109	Wesley Tomasek	ITA	2:04:04.00	1	Verona	04.09.1997

drug abuse (disqualified)

1	210717	Dariusz Szust	ITA	2:04:12.70	1	Verona	15.04.1994
2	210718	Ma Savelov	ITA	2:04:12.70	1	Verona	15.04.1994

Figure 4: List of non-legal marks for the men's marathon

to provide the user with up-to-date information about world-best performances in all track-and-field events. Mainly because of the volume and quality of this information, the "Track and Field all-time Performances Homepage" is a

must to look at for all people interested in track-and-field results and records.

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