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Men's 100 Metres

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2008 World Best: 9.72 Usain Bolt JAM New York 31 May 08

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	COLLIO Simone ITA	28y	168d	1979	10.32	10.14 -07
	Co-Italian record holder & 2004 World indoor finalist at 60m ... 10.08w -04. 200 pb: 20.90 -05. 3 World Military 200 2001 (1 4x100); 5 under -23 ECH 100 2001; 7 WIC 60 2004 (2003/2008-sf); qf OLY 100 2004; 5 EIC 60 2005; 3 ECP 100 2005 (2006-6); qf WCH 100 2005/2007. 1 Italian 100 2004/2005. 1 Italian indoor 60 2004/2005. Ran second leg for winning Italian 4x100 team at 2003 European Cup ... pianist ... lives-Rieti, shares a come with training partner-Luca Verdecchia In 2008: 1 Potchefstroom 100; 6sf WIC 60; 1 Saronno 100; 6 Geneva 100; 4 Turin 100					
2,	OSOVNIKAR Matic SLO	28y	145d	1980	10.31	10.13 -07
	2006 European 100m bronze ... in Osaka 2007 because the first caucasian to reach a global 100m final since 1987 200 pb: 20.47 -04 (21.99 -08). 4 WIC 200 2003 & 60 2006; 5 WIC 60 2004; sf OLY 200 2004; 1 Mediterranean Games 100/200 2005; 3 ECH 100 2006; 4 EIC 60 2007; 7 WCH 100 2007 (2003/2005-qf). 1 Slovenian 100/200 2001-2007. Student of dentistry In 2008: 8 Hengelo 200; 2 Maribor 100; 2 Ljubljana 100 (Jun 1); 1 Ljubljana 100 (Jun 8)					
3,	RODGERS Mike USA	23y	50d	1985	10.06	10.06 -08
	2008 US Indoor Champion at 60m ... 10.04w -08. 200 pb: 20.88 -05/07. 4 WIC 60 2008. 1 US indoor 60 2008. Keeps tropical fish, has a 55 gallon tank at his home in St. Louis with 22 Tiger Barbs ... studied Kinesiology (Human Movement) at Oklahoma Baptist University ... coach-Darrell Woodson In 2008: 1ht US indoor 60; 4 WIC 60; 2 Penn Relays 100 'B'; 4 Kingston 100; 1 Modesto 100; 4 New York 100 (world record race); 2 Oslo Golden League 100					
4,	ATKINS Derrick BAH	24y	159d	1984	10.07	9.91 -07
	Split Tyson Gay & Asafa Powell to win 2007 world 100m silver ... 9.83w -07. 200 pb: 20.44 -08. 2 Central American & Caribbean Games 100 2006; 2 WCH 100 2007. 1 Bahamas 100 2005/2007. Born-Jamaica, moved to Bahamas at age 2 ... Asafa Powell is his second cousin (the son of his mother's niece) ... degree in Education from Dickinson State University, North Dakota ... daughter Jaden Harmony born January 27, 2007 ... coached in Gainesville by Mike Holloway In 2008: 1 Coral Gables 200; 1 Berkeley 100 (2 200 with pb 20.44); 3 Carson 100; 5 Berlin 100; 1 Oslo Golden League 100					
5,	TRAMMELL Terrence USA	29y	202d	1978	-	10.04 -00
	Olympic hurdles silvers in Sydney & Athens, world silvers in Paris & Osaka 110H pb: 12.95 -07 (13.11 -08). 1 WSG 110H 99; 2 OLY 110H 2000/2004; 1 WIC 60H 2001/2006; 2 WCH 110H 2003/2007 (2001-sf, 2005 -5); 3 WIC 60 60 2006 (2003-ht). 1 NCAA 110H 99/2000. 1 US indoor 60H 2000/2001/2002/2006 & outdoor 2004/2007. Has the best flat speed of world-class hurdlers ... studied Retail Management at the University of South Carolina ... lives-Atlanta, coach-Nat Page In 2008: 2 Carson 110H; 1 New York 110H					
6,	DEVONISH Marlon GBR	32y	11d	1976	10.18	10.06 -07
	Sixth in 2007 World 100m final ... world relay medals in 1997, 1999, 2005 & 2007 10.08w -08. 200 pb: 20.19 -02 (20.59 -08). 1 EJC 200/4x100 95; 2 under-23 ECH 100 97; qf WCH 100 97 (bronze 4x100, ran heat); 5 ECH 100 98; 8 COM 100 98 (1 4x100); 2 WCH 4x100 99; 8 WCH 200 2001 (99-sf); 1 ECP 200 2002/2007; 2 COM 200 2002 (1 4x100); 3 ECH 200 2002; 1 WIC 200 2003; sf WCH 100 2005 (qf 200); 3 WCH 4x100 2005; 8 COM 100 2006 (4 4x400); 3 ECH 200 2006 (1 4x100); 6 WCH 100 2007 (3 4x100). 1 AAA 200 97/2001/2002/2006 (1 100 2006). 1 UK 100/200 2007. Parents from Barbados where his father Desmond was a sprinter ... born-Coventry, lives-Slough ... coach-Tony Lester In 2008: 2 Hengelo 200; 6 Berlin 100; 4 Oslo Golden League 100 (5 200)					
7,	MILO Lukás CZE	24y	237d	1983	10.27	10.27 -08
	2 Czech indoor 60 2004. Two-year doping suspension to 2008 In 2008: 7sf Czech indoor 60; 1 Olomouc 100 (2 200); 1 Turnov 100; 4 Ostrava 200 (May 31); 1 Prague 100					
8,	CAPEL John USA	29y	198d	1978	10.12	9.95 -04
	World 200m gold in 2003 & bronze in 2005 ... 200 pb: 19.85 -00 (20.66 -08). 2 WSG 100 99 (1 4x100); 8 OLY 200 2000; 1 WCH 200/4x100 2003; 3 WCH 200 2005. 1 NCAA 200 99 (2 100). Described by coach as "brute power" sprinter ... daughters Jánya (4) & Serenity (1) ... formerly played (American) Football with the Chicago Bears and Kansas City Chiefs ... two-year doping ban 2006-2008 after he tested positive for cannabis for a second time In 2008: 1 Houston 100; 5 Florida Relays 100; 1 Coral Gables 100 (3 200); 5 Greensboro 200; 1 Penn Relays 100 'B'; 6 Doha 200; 1 Port-of-Spain 200 (3 100)					

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Men's 200 Metres

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2008 World Best:	20.00	Tyson Gay USA	Kingston	3 May 08
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		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	SULC Vojtech CZE	21y	185d	1986	20.70	20.70 -08
	100 pb: 10.50 -07 (10.55 -08). 400 pb: 47.28 -07. qf ECH 200 2006 (ht 100); 2 under-23 ECH 200 2007. 1 Czech under-23 200 2006/2007 In 2008: 2 Prague 100 (May 8); 1 Palafrugell 200; 2 Ostrava 200 (3 100) (May 31); 2 Prague 200 (Jun 7)					
2,	OSOVIKAR Matic SLO	28y	145d	1980	21.99	20.47 -04
	2006 European 100m bronze ... in Osaka 2007 because the first caucasian to reach a global 100m final since 1987 100 pb: 10.13 -07 (10.31 -08). 4 WIC 200 2003 & 60 2006; 5 WIC 60 2004; sf OLY 200 2004; 1 Mediterranean Games 100/200 2005; 3 ECH 100 2006; 4 EIC 60 2007; 7 WCH 100 2007 (2003/2005-qf). 1 Slovenian 100/200 2001-2007. Student of dentistry In 2008: 8 Hengelo 200; 2 Maribor 100; 2 Ljubljana 100 (Jun 1); 1 Ljubljana 100 (Jun 8)					
3,	VOJTIK Jiri CZE	26y	346d	1981	20.60	20.60 -08
	Czech record holder 200m ... 400 pb: 46.45 -03. 100 pb: 10.34 -04/08. sf WJC 200 2000; ht EIC 200 2002 (2005-sf); qf ECH 100/200 2002; 6 under-23 ECH 200 2003; 3 WSG 200 2003; ht OLY 200 2004; 3 ECP 200 2005 (6 100); sf EIC 400 2007. 1 Czech 200 2001-2006 (1 100 2003) In 2008: 1 Czech indoor 200; 1 Prague 100 (May 8); 3 European Clubs Cup 200 (6 100); 1 Ostrava 100/200 (May 31); 1 Prague 200 (2 100)					
4,	DZINGAI Brian ZIM	27y	45d	1981	20.40	20.12 -04
	Zimbabwean record holder at 200m ... 100 pb: 10.03w -07, 10.23 -08. sf COM 100 2002 (qf 200); dnq OLY 200 2004; sf WCH 200 2007 (2003-ht, 2005-qf) ... 1.68 tall He's almost a foot shorter than Usain Bolt In 2008: 1 Tallahassee 200 (Apr 12); 1 Tallahassee 200 (2 100); 1 Tallinn 200; 4 Oslo Golden League 200					
5,	BOLT Usain JAM	21y	296d	1986	-	19.75 -07
	New world record holder at 100m ... 2007 World silver at 200m ... 100 pb: 9.72 -08. 400 pb: 45.28 -07. 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; 1 Central American 200 2005; 8 WCH 200 2005; 2 WCP 200 2006; 2 WCH 200 /4x100 2007. 1 Jamaican 200 2003 (at age 17)/2007 ... coach-Glen Mills (same as Kim Collins & Aleen Bailey) ... 1.95 tall (6-5) Says he has stopped racing with a silver chain in his mouth because said it was hampering his performance In 2008: 1 Kingston 400 (46.94); 1 Spanish Town 100 (10.03); 1 Kingston 100 (9.76); 1 Port-of-Spain 100 (9.92); 1 New York 100 (9.72)					
6,	DEVONISH Marlon GBR	32y	11d	1976	20.59	20.19 -02
	Sixth in 2007 World 100m final ... world relay medals in 1997, 1999, 2005 & 2007 100 pb: 10.06 -07 (10.08w, 10.18 -08). 1 EJC 200/4x100 95; 2 under-23 ECH 100 97; qf WCH 100 97 (bronze 4x100, ran heat); 5 ECH 100 98; 8 COM 100 98 (1 4x100); 2 WCH 4x100 99; 8 WCH 200 2001 (99-sf); 1 ECP 200 2002/2007; 2 COM 200 2002 (1 4x100); 3 ECH 200 2002; 1 WIC 200 2003; sf WCH 100 2005 (qf 200); 3 WCH 4x100 2005; 8 COM 100 2006 (4 4x400); 3 ECH 200 2006 (1 4x100); 6 WCH 100 2007 (3 4x100). 1 AAA 200 97/2001/2002/2006 (1 100 2006). 1 UK 100/200 2007. Parents from Barbados where his father Desmond was a sprinter ... born-Coventry, lives-Slough ... coach-Tony Lester In 2008: 2 Hengelo 200; 6 Berlin 100; 4 Oslo Golden League 100 (5 200)					
7,	CAPEL John USA	29y	198d	1978	20.66	19.85 -00
	World 200m gold in 2003 & bronze in 2005 ... 100 pb: 9.95 -04 (10.12 -08). 2 WSG 100 99 (1 4x100); 8 OLY 200 2000; 1 WCH 200/4x100 2003; 3 WCH 200 2005. 1 NCAA 200 99 (2 100). Described by coach as "brute power" sprinter ... daughters Janya (4) & Serenity (1) ... formerly played (American) Football with the Chicago Bears and Kansas City Chiefs ... two-year doping ban 2006-2008 after he tested positive for cannabis for a second time In 2008: 1 Houston 100; 5 Florida Relays 100; 1 Coral Gables 100 (3 200); 5 Greensboro 200; 1 Penn Relays 100 'B'; 6 Doha 200; 1 Port-of-Spain 200 (3 100)					
8,	BUCKLAND Stéphan MRI	31y	152d	1977	20.62	20.06 -03
	Fifth-fifth-sixth in the last three World 200m finals ... 100 pb: 10.13 -01/02. qf WJC 100 96; ht WIC 60 99/2003/2004; 8 African Games 100 99; qf WCH 100 99; sf OLY 200 2000 (qf 100); 1 Francophone Games 100/200 2001; 5 WCH 200 2003/2005 (2001-6); 6 OLY 200 2004; 2 COM 200 2006 (2002-sf); 2 African Champs 200 2006/2008; 8 WCP 200 2006. By far the most popular sportsman in the Indian Ocean region					

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Men's 300 Metres

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2008 World Best: 32.32 Yuzo Kanemaru JPN Taisha 20 Apr 08

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	SCHILLER Jan CZE 200 pb: 20.79 -08. ht ECH 200 2006; 4 WSG 200 2007 In 2008: 3 Czech indoor 200; 1 Prague 150 (4 300) (May 5); 3 Ostrava 200 (May 31); 3 Prague 200 (Jun 7)	23y	147d	1985	33.89	33.62 -06
2,	MASLÁK Pavel CZE 400 pb: 47.60 -08. ht World Youth 400 2007 In 2008: 1 Olomouc 200/400; 1 Trinec 100/200	17y	112d	1991	-	-
3,	McKINNEY Nathaniel BAH 2005 World relay silver ... 400 pb: 45.68 -07 (46.29 -08). 200 pb: 20.92 -08. 6 OLY 4x400 2004; 2 WCH 4x400 2005. Was at St Augustine's College at Raleigh, North Carolina In 2008: 1 Auburn; 1 Coral Gables (4 200); 2 Rehlingen; 3 Geneva 'B' (5 200 'B'); 2 Lapua	26y	145d	1982	-	33.52 -03
4,	PROROK Josef CZE 400 pb: 46.72 -08. 400H pb: 50.14 -08. sf WJC 400H 2008. 1 Czech under-23 400H In 2008: 2 Czech indoor 400; 5 Prague 300; 3 Ostrava 400 (May 31); 2 Prague 400H (Jun 7)	20y	209d	1987	34.00	34.00 -08
5,	WARINER Jeremy USA Two golds each from Athens 2004, Helsinki 2005 & Osaka 2007 ... now third on all-time list after Michael Johnson & Butch Reynolds 400 pb: 43.45 -07 (43.98 -08). 200 pb: 20.19 -06 (20.37 -08). 2 Pan-Am Junior 400 2003; 1 OLY 400/4x400 2004; 1 WCH 400/4x400 2005/2007. 1 US 2004/2005. Managed by Michael Johnson ... in 2004 uniquely won NCAA titles at 400m & 4x400m both indoors and out ... student of Outdoor Recreation at Baylor University ... lives-Waco ... coach-Michael Ford (formerly Clyde Hart)	24y	133d	1984	-	31.58 -07
	He clocked 31.58 at 300m en route to his 2007 World 400m gold according to the Biomechanics Team of IAAF and JAAF					
	In 2008: 2 Sydney 200; 1 Melbourne; 1 Houston 4x400 (44.2 split); 1 Arlington 200; 1 Texas Relays 4x400 (43.6 split); 1 Waco; 1 Penn Relays 4x400 (43.88 split); dns Doha 200 (strained right hamstringing up); 1 Carson (38th win from his last 42 races at 400m); 2 Berlin (win streak ended by LaShawn Merritt); 1 Oslo Golden League (43.98)					
6,	HESSION Paul IRL Irish record holder at 60m, 100m & 200m ... 100 pb: 10.18 -07 (10.82 -08). 200 pb: 20.30 -07 (20.48 -08). sf WJC 200 2002; ht ECH 200 2002; 5 under-23 ECH 200 2003; 2 WSG 200 2003 (2005-3); ht WIC 200 2004; sf EIC 200 2005; sf ECH 200 2006; sf WCH 200 2007 (2005-07). 1 AAA junior indoor 200 2002; 3 AAA indoor 200 2003/2004. 1 Irish 200 2004/2007 (1 1002007). Taking time off his medical studies to concentrate on athletics ... based-Scotland, coach-Stuart Hogg In 2008: 1 Tampere 100 (indoor); 2 Scottish indoor 60; 1 Malmö 100; 2 Oslo Golden League 200	25y	137d	1983	-	-
7,	SEBRLE Roman CZE 2004 Olympic Decathlon Champion ... 2007 World Champion at his sixth attempt ... World record holder since 2001 Dec pb: 9026 -01. 1 ECP 97 (98/99-23, 96-1); 1 WSG 97; 1 WIC 2001/2004 (99/2003/2006-3); 1 EIC 2002/2005/2007 (98-dnf, 2000-2); 1 ECH 2002/2006 (98-6); 1 OLY 2004 (2000-2); 1 WCH 2007 (97-9, 99-dnf, 2001-10, 2003/2005-2) ... married international Czech middle distance runner Eva Kasalova on October 15, 2000, son Stephan born September 4, 2002, daughter Katerina born January 30, 2006 ... he was accidentally speared in the shoulder by a javelin during training in South Africa in January 2007 ... coach-Dalibor Kupka ... 1.86/88kg In 2008: dnf WIC Heptathlon (pulled hamstring)	33y	199d	1974		35.12 -05
8,	McKEE Paul IRL Irish record holder (at 400m) indoors & out ... 2003 World indoor bronze, shared with Jamie Baulch 400 pb: 45.58 -02. ht WCH 4x400 99; ht OLY 4x400 2000; sf ECH 2002 (2006-ht); sf COM 2002; sf ECH 2002; =3 WIC 2003; ht WCH 2003. 1 British Universities 2000. 1 Irish 2002/2003 ... schoolteacher from Belfast ... coach-Bill Kelly In 2008: 2 Königs Wusterhausen; 4 Dessau 'B'; 3 Oslo Golden League 'B'	30y	210d	1977	-	33.71 -05

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Men's 400 Metres

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2008 World Best: 43.98 Jeremy Wariner USA Oslo 6 Jun 08

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	ZNAVA Peter SVK 5x Slovak Champion ... 800 pb: 1:50.20 -08. ht ECH 2006. 1 Slovak 2003/2004/2005/2006/2007 (1 800 2007) In 2008: 1 Pavia; 2 Ostrava (May 31); 1 Prague (Jun 7)	25y	250d	1982	46.32	46.01 -06
2,	STEFFENSEN John AUS 2006 Commonwealth Champion ... 2005 World finalist ... 2004 Olympic relay silver LJ pb: 7.28w, 7.18 -02. ht WCH 4x400 2003; 2 OLY 4x400 2004 (ran first leg); 8 WCH 2005 (2007-sf); 1 COM 400/4x400 2006. 1 Australian 2006. Former junior boxing champion ... parents from South Africa ... born-Perth, lives-Sydney & Beverly Hills ... coach-Bobby Kersee (formerly John SMith) In 2008: 2 Australian; 7 New York; 2 Oslo Golden League 'B'	25y	287d	1982	45.99	44.73 -06
3,	GÖTZ Rudolf CZE 8 WSG 2007. 1 Czech 2007 (1 indoor 200 2005 & indoor 400 2008)	25y	64d	1983	45.78	45.78 -08
On May 31, 2008 in Ostrava he missed the Czech record of 45.77 – which has stood to Karel Kolar since 1978 – by just 0.01						
In 2008: 1 Czech indoor; 1 Prague 300 (2 150) (May 5); 1 Palafrugell; 5 Ostrava 200; 1 Ostrava (5 200) (May 31)						
4,	CHAMBERS Ricardo JAM 2007 US Collegiate Champion indoors & out, representing the University of Florida 5 Central American & Caribbean Games 2006; sf WCH 2007. 1 NCAA 2007 (2006-2, 2005-4); 1 NCAA indoor 2007. 1 Jamaican 2006. Fourth of five children ... coach-Ken Harnden (former Commonwealth Games medallist at 400m hurdles for Zimbabwe) In 2008: 2 Tallahassee; 5 Carson; 6 Berlin; 4 Oslo Golden League	23y	248d	1984	45.29	44.62 -07
5,	ROONEY Martyn GBR Fifth in 2006 Commonwealth Games while still a junior ... terrific in relays, a 44.17 split in Osaka 2007 2 EJC 2005 (1 4x400); 4 WCH 4x400 2005 (2007-6); 5 COM 2006; 3 WJC 2006 (3 4x400); ht WCH 2007. 1 AAA junior 2005. Born in Croydon of Irish parents, has dual nationality with Ireland ... prevented from competing at the 2004 World Junior Championship because his dual nationality had not been declared in advance ... born-Croydon, lives-Thornton Heath ... coaches-Nick Dakin & Mike Fleet ... 1.98 tall In 2008: 1 Mt SAC Relays; 1 Loughborough "international"; 1 Geneva	21y	71d	1987	45.19	45.19 -08
6,	BENJAMIN Tim GBR In 2005 ran the fastest 400m by a European athlete in six years ... 200 pb: 20.67 -01. 1 World Youth 200 99; 2 EJC 200 99; sf EIC 200 2000; 3 WJC 200 2000 (98-sf); 1 WJC 4x100 2000; 1 EJC 400/4x400 2001; 6 WCH 4x400 2001; 1 ECP 4x400 2002; sf COM 2002 (2 4x400); sf ECH 2002; 3 WIC 4x400 2003; 1 ECP 2004; sf OLY 2004; 5 WCH 2005 (2007-sf); 6 ECH 2006 (2 4x400). 1 AAA 2002/2004/2005/2006. Clocked 22.0 for 200 at age 14 ... wife is former AAA indoor 1500m Champion Nathalie Lewis ... coach-Tony Lester	26y	42d	1982	-	44.56 -05
7,	LLOYD Chris DMA 2007 Pan-American bronze ... 200 pb: 20.31 -08. ht WCH 2003/2005/2007; ht OLY 2004; sf COM 2006 (2002-0f); 3 Pan-Am Games 2007; sf WIC 2008 (2004/2006-ht). Based-Houston, coach- Allan Powell In 2008: 4sf WIC; 1 Houston 100 (Mar 29); 2 Drake Relays; 1 Houston 100/200 (May 3); 3 Fort-de-France; 2 Ponce	27y	245d	1980	45.45	45.40 -07
8,	GILLICK David IRL Twice European Indoor Champion ... Irish record holder ... ht WJC 4x400 2002; ht under-23 ECH 2003; ht WCH 4x400 2003; 3 WIC 4x400 2004; 1 EIC 2005; ht WIC 2006; sf ECH 2006; sf WCH 2007. 1 AAA indoor 2005. 1 Irish 2006/2007. From Ballinteer, near Dublin former Gaelic Football player ... based-Loughborough ... coach-Nick Dakin In 2008: 4 Mt SAC Relays; 1 Loughborough "international" 300; 2 Geneva; 1 Haniá	24y	339d	1983	45.65	45.23 -07

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Men's 800 Metres

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2008 World Best: 1:42.69 Abubaker Kaki SUD Oslo 6 Jun 08
(pace – 400m: 50.17; 600m: 1:17.01)

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	LEWANDOWSKI Marcin POL	20y	365d	1987	1:46.62	1:45.52 -07
	Fourth at 2006 World Junior Championships ... 1500 pb: 3:48.61 -05. 7 EJC 1500 2005; 4 WJC 800 2006; 8 WSG 1500 2007. At WXC: 2006-90 short. 1 Polish under-23 800/1500 2007 In 2008: 5 Hengelo 800; 1 Zaragoza 800					
2,	RIMMER Michael GBR	22y	130d	1986	1:47.16	1:45.17 -07
	2006 European finalist ... National titles as an under-15, under-17, under-20 and senior 1500 pb: 3:45.71 -07. 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. 1 AAA 2006 & UK 2007. Coach-Norman Poole (trains with Tom Lancashire among others) In 2008: 1 Stretford 1000; 1 Watford BMC; 8 Berlin; dnf Oslo Golden League					
3,	KIPCHOGE Gilbert KEN	25y	40d	1983	1:44.52	1:44.52 -08
	1500 pb: 3:44.39 -08. 6 Kenyan World Trials 800 2005. Paced Oslo Mile in 2006 & 2007 In 2008: 2 Rio de Janeiro 800; 2 São Paulo 800; 1 Belém 800; 11 Oslo "Dream" Mile					
4,	KAKI Abubaker SUD	18y	357d	1989	1:42.69	1:42.69 -08
	In Valencia 2008 became the youngest ever World Indoor Champion ... 1500 pb: 3:39.71 -08. 3 World Youth 2005; 3 Arab 2005; 6 WJC 2006; 2 Arab junior 2006; 1 African Games 2007; ht WCH 2007; 1 Arab Games 800/1500 2007. His father Khamis was a goalkeeper; Abubaker also wanted to become a footballer but in his district more youngsters practised athletics In 2008: 1 Leipzig indoor; 1 Stockholm indoor; 1 Stockholm 1000 indoor (World junior indoor best 2:15.77); 1 Ghent 1000 indoor; 1 WIC (front-run); 1 Malmö 1500 (pb 3:39.71); 1 Oslo Golden League (set world junior record 1:42.69, the world's fastest in five years)					
5,	RUDISHA David KEN	19y	177d	1988	1:43.72	1:43.72 -08
	2006 World Junior Champion ... 2008 African Champion ... regarded as world #1 on merit in 2007 when he won 13/14 races including Malmö, Lausanne, Zurich & Brussels 400 pb: 46.2 -07. 1 WJC 2006 (4 4x400); 1 African junior 2007; 1 African Chaps 2008. His father Daniel Rudisha anchored Kenya to silver medals in the 1968 Olympic 4x400m (with a 44.0 split) In 2008: 1 Kenyan African Championship Trial; 1 African Champs; 1 Doha; 2 Oslo Golden League (his first defeat in more than a year)					
6a,	REPCIK Josef SVK	21y	314d	1986	1:46.90	1:46.43 -06
	Slovak record holder indoors ... 400 pb: 47.48 -07. 1 European Youth 2003; sf WJC 2004; 7 EJC 2005; sf ECH 2006; ht EIC 2007; 5 under-23 ECH 2007; ht WCH 2007; 5 WSG 2007; sf WIC 2008 In 2008: 1 Slovak indoor; 6sf WIC; 1 Nove Mesto nad Vahom; 1 Schwechat 400; 2 European Clubs Cup ; 2 Belgrade; 1 Ostrava (May 31); 2 Kedzierzyn-Kozle					
6b,	HOLUSA Jakub CZE	20y	113d	1988	1:46.15	1:46.15 -08
	2007 European Junior Champion at 3000m Steeplechase ... 1500 pb: 3:41.48i -08. 3000SC pb: 8:50.30 -07. 7 World Youth 2000SC 2005; 1 EJC 3000SC 2007. At EXC: 2005-75J, 2007-42J In 2008: 1 Czech indoor 800; 3ht WIC 800; 1 Turnov 800; 2 European Clubs Cup 1500 (3 800); 5 Berlin 800 'B'; 7 Oslo Golden League 1500					
7a,	CZAPIEWSKI Pawel POL	30y	75d	1978	1:45.19	1:43.22 -01
	(Pronounced "Chap-yev-ski") ... 2002 European Indoor Champion ... 2001 World bronze 1500 pb: 3:38.96i -02. ht WJC 96; 8 EJC 97; 3 under-23 ECH 99; 6 WIC 2001; 1 ECP 2001/2007 (2002-3); 3 WCH 2001 (2005-sf); 1 EIC 2002; 4 ECH 2002 (98-ht); 3 ECP 1500 2002/2005. 1 Polish 98/2005/2007 (1 1500 2002) ... former hockey player ... has twin brother, Piotr, who is an amateur footballer In 2008: 1 Polish indoor; 2 Kozenice; 1 Berlin 'B' (1:45.19, his fastest since 2002); 1 Kedzierzyn-Kozle					
7b,	LALANG Boaz KEN	19y	125d	1989	1:45.15	1:45.15 -08
	Attends Rend Lake College (Ina, Illinois) ... 1500 pb: 3:37.62 -08. Coach-Brent McLain In 2008: 1 Missouri Relays; 1 Auburn 1500; 1 Knoxville; 3 Nashville 400; 1 Hillsdale 1500; 1 Eugene (May 9); 1 Levelland 800/1500					
8a,	RUZA Jaroslav CZE	24y	260d	1983	1:47.92	1:47.05 -05
	400H pb: 50.57 -04 (51.33 -08). dnf ECP 800 2005 In 2008: 2 Czech indoor; 1 Olomouc; 2 Turnov; 2 Ostrava (4 400H) (May 31); 2 Prague (4 400H) (Jun 7)					
8b,	IDRISS Abdulgadir SUD	20y	18d	1988	-	-
	PACEMAKER ... stripped of 2005 World Youth title at 400m Hurdles because of a doping violation, suspended 2005-2007 400H pb: 50.84 -05. 1 East African 400H 2008					

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Men's 5000 Metres

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2008 World Best: 12:50.55 Moses Masai KEN Berlin 1 Jun 08

	Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
ABDOSH Ali ETH 10,000 pb: 27:04.92 -07. 3 African Junior 10,000 2005 (4 5000); 5 African Games 5000 2007; 3 African Champs 5000 2008. At WXC: 2006 -5 short In 2008: 3 African Champs 5000; 1 Carson 5000; 2 New York 5000	20y	289d	1987	13:08.64	13:01.44 -06
AL-OUTAIBI Moukheld KSA 10,000 pb: 29:04.85 -05. 1 Gulf Junior 5000/10,000 99; 1 Asian Games 5000/10,000 2002; 9 WCH 5000 2005 (2003-14); 2 Asian Champs 10,000 2005; 8 WIC 3000 2006. At WXC: 98-dnfJ	28y	43d	1980	-	12:58.58 -05
ALI Thamer Kamal QAT PACEMAKER 1 TRANSFEREE – Formerly: Thomas Kosgei KEN ... 1500 pb: 3:40.63 -06. 3000SC pb: 8:20.29 -06 (8:25.71 -08). 5 Gulf Youth 1500 2005; 10 World Youth 1500 2005. 1 Asian Indoor Games 1500/3000 2005; 2 West Asian Games 3000SC 2005; 1 Asian Junior 1500 2006 (2 3000SC); 9 WJC 3000SC 2006; 1 Asian junior XC 2007; ht WCH 3000SC 2007; ht WIC 1500 2008. At WXC: 2005-22J, 2006-7J, 2007-110 In 2008: 1 Asian indoor 1500; 1 World Military short course XC; 6ht WIC 1500; 7 Doha 1500; 7 Hengelo 3000SC	19y	212d	1988	-	-
BEKELE Tariku ETH 2006 World Junior Champion at 5000m ... 2008 World Indoor Champion at 3000m ... younger brother of Kenenisa 3000 pb: 7:29.11 -06. 2 World Youth 3000 2003; 3 WJC 5000 2004; 6 WIC 3000 2006; 1 WJC 5000 2006; 3 African Games 5000 2007; 5 WCH 5000 2007 (2005-7); 1 WIC 3000 2008. At WXC: 2005-6J, 2006-3J, 2007-dnf. Helped to pace his brother to world 10,000m record in Brussels 2005, and did so right on target In 2008: 1 WIC 3000; 4 African Champs 5000; 2 Berlin 5000	21y	105d	1987	12:52.45	12:52.45 -08
CHIRCHIR Eric KEN PACEMAKER 2 ... 3000 pb: 7:50.06 -07 In 2008: 1 Rome 12K; 1 Giulianova Half Mar; 1 Florence 1500/5000	24y	205d	1983	13:48.71	13:42.78 -07
CHOGE Augustine KEN Full name-Augustine Kiprono Choge 2006 Commonwealth Games Champion at 5000m ... 2005 World Junior Cross Country Champion 1500 pb: 3:31.57 -08. 3000 pb: 7:28.78 -05 (7:32.01 -08). 5000 pb: 12:53.66 -05. 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. At WXC: 2003-4J, 2005-1J, 2006-7 short, 2008-12. Full name-Augustine Kiprono Choge ... in Berlin 2004 at age 17 he became the youngest ever man to break 13 minutes for 5000m In 2008: 12 WXC; 1 Doha 3000; 1 Berlin 1500; 5 Oslo Golden League Mile	21y	143d	1987	-	12:53.66 -05
CRAGG Alistair IRL Former European Indoor Champion at 3000m ... Irish record holder at 10,000m 10,000 pb: 27:39.55 -07. 3000 pb: 7:32.49 -07. 1500 pb: 3:39.24 -03. 12 OLY 5000 2004; 1 EIC 3000 2005 (2007-6); 4 WIC 3000 2006; dnf ECH 5000 2006 (he dramatically pulled with an achilles tendon injury after having taken the lead); ht WCH 5000 2007. At WXC: 98-123J, 99 -56J, 2004-16 short, 2006-dnf. 1 NCAA indoor 5000 2002/2003/2004 (1 3000 2003/2004); 1 NCAA 5000 2003 & 10,000 2004. 1 Irish 1500 2004. Studied Marketing at Arkansas University ... coach-John McDonnell ... formerly represented South Africa; born-Johannesburg, he holds an Irish passport since both grandparents on his mother's side were Irish-born ... defeated Kenenisa Bekele indoors in 2005 In 2008: 2 Irish XC; dnf WXC; 4 New York 5000	27y	364d	1980	13:25.36	13:07.10 -07
DINKESA Abebe ETH Full name-Abebe Dinkesa Negera Improved at 10,000m by 53 seconds in 2005 but did not advance in 2006 or 2007 Half Mar pb: 61:53 -05. 10,000 pb: 26:30.74 -05. 2 African Champs 10,000 2004 (2006-3); 7 WCH 10,000 2005; 5 World Half Mar 2005 (2004-10). 1 Great Ethiopian Run 2004. At WXC: 2002-9J, 2005-4 long. 2006-39 short & 71 long, 2007-dnf, 2008-42. When he finished ninth in the junior races at the 2002 World Cross Country Championships, he wore spikes for the first time but removed them in mid-race "because they were very uncomfortable." In 2008: 1 Ethiopian XC; 42 WXC	24y	98d	1984	-	12:55.58 -05
FARAH Mohamed GBR ("Mo") ... 2006 European Cross Country Champion & 5000m silver ... Britain's top male athlete of 2006 3000 pb: 7:38.15 -06. 10,000 pb: 27:44.54 -08. Mile pb: 3:56.49 -05. 1500 pb: 3:38.02 -06. 6 World Youth 3000 99; 10 WJC 5000 2000; 1 EJC 5000 2001; 2 under-23 ECH 5000 2003/2005; 2 ECP 3000 2005/2006; 9 COM 5000 2006; 2 ECH 5000 2006; 5 EIC 3000 2007 (2005 -6); 6 WCH 5000 2007 (led at bell). At WXC: 2000-25J, 2001-59J, 2003-74 short, 2006-40 short, 2007-11. At EXC: 99-5J, 2000-7J (fell), 2001-2J, 2002-30J, 2004-15, 2005-21, 2006-1. 1 AAA indoor 3000 2003/2005; 1 UK indoor 3000 2007... born-Mogadishu (SOM), came to Britain in 1993, has several relatives living in the Netherlands ... lives-Teddington where he shares a house with other top British endurance athletes ... advised by Alan Storey and Mark Rowland In 2008: 6 Birmingham 2M; 6 WIC; 2 Carlsbad 5K; 5 Stanford 10,000 (the fastest by a British athlete since 2000); 3 London 10K	25y	82d	1983	-	13:07.00 -07
David Moorcroft's 1982 British record (and former world record) of 13:00.42 is almost within his range					
GEBREMESKEL Dejen ETH At WXC: 2008-18J In 2008: 3 Fuensalida XC; 2 Maliaño XC; 4 Ethiopian junior XC; 18 WXC-j; 2 Carson 5000	18y	201d	1989	13:08.96	13:08.96 -08
GENETI Markos ETH 2004 World indoor bronze at 3000m ... 1500 pb: 3:33.83 -05. 1 World Youth 3000 2001; 2 WJC 5000 2002; 4 African Games 5000 2003; 2 Afro-Asian Games 5000 2003; 3 WIC 3000 2004; sf WCH 1500 2005. At WXC: 2007-15. Oldest of six children In 2008: 3 Carson 5000	24y	13d	1984	13:10.58	13:00.25 -05
KIPCHOGE Eliud KEN 2003 World Champion at 5000m, fourth in 2005 & silver in 2007 ... 1500 pb: 3:33.20 -04. 3000 pb: 7:27.72 -04.10,000 pb: 26:49.02 -07. Mile pb: 3:50.40 -04. 1 WCH 5000 2003 (2005-4, 2007-2); 3 OLY 5000 2004; 3 WIC 3000 2006. At WXC: 2002-5J, 2003-1J, 2004-4 long, 2005 -5 long. 1 Kenyan junior XC 2002/2003. Set a world junior 5000m record of 12:52.61 in Oslo on June 26, 2003. Kipchoge = born near the grain storage bin ... daughter Lynne Jebet born October 19, 2006 In 2008: 3 Edinburgh XC; 2 Cinque Mulini XC; 4 Doha 3000; 3 Hengelo 10,000	23y	219d	1984	-	12:46.53 -04

KIPROP Boniface UGA **22y** 244d 1985 - **12:57.11 -06**
 2006 Commonwealth Games Champion at 10,000m ... fourth at 10,000m at both Athens 2004 & Helsinki 2005
 10,000 pb: 26:39.77 -05 (27:19.26 -08). 1 African junior 5000 2001 (2 10,000); 1 African junior 5000/10,000 2003; ht WCH 5000 2003; 4 African Games 10,000 2003 (6 5000); 3 Afro-Asian Games 10,000 2003; 1 WJC 10,000 2004 (5 5000); 4 OLY 10,000 2004; 4 WCH 10,000 2005 (2007-10); 1 COM 10,000 2006; 6 African Games 10,000 2007. At WXC: 2000-27J, 2002-3J, 2003/2004-2J, 2005-7 long, 2006-22 long, 2007-dnf. Older brother is Martin Toroitich (11 World Junior XC 2002) ... Kiprop = born when it's raining ... member of Kalenjin tribe, most of whom live in Kenya

Failed to finish at Momabsa 2007 after he collapsed in the heat with 600m to go while in fifth position

In 2008: 4 Maliaño XC; 3 Haro XC; 16 WXC; 2 Edinburgh 10K; 5 Hengelo 10,000

KIPROP Vincent KEN **19y** 342d 1988 **13:22.96** **13:22.96 -08**

In 2008: 6 Kenyan Armed Forces XC; 16 Kenyan XC; 5 Kenyan African Championship Trial 5000; 1 Kassel 5000

KIPTOO Timothy KEN **24y** 71d 1984 **13:41.5** **13:41.5 -08**

In 2008: 2 Kenyan Prisons XC; 35 Kenyan XC; 1 Kenyan Prisons 5000

MEDHIN Teklemariam ERI **18y** 354d 1989 **14:13.9 -06**

12 WJC 5000 2006. At WXC: 2006-13J, 2007-14J, 2008-23

In 2008: 23 WXC

MERGA Imane ETH **19y** 240d 1988 **13:24.29** **13:24.29 -08**

Full name-Imane Merga Jida but he's also appeared with the name Imana Marga Jidha

3 African junior 10,000 2007

In 2008: 1 Belgrade 5000

NDIWA Mang'ata KEN **20/21y** 1987 **13:14.94** **13:14.94 -08**

2006 World Junior Cross Country Champion ... full name- Mang'ata Kimai Ndiwa

At WXC: 2005-5J. 3 Kenyan 5000 2005; 2 African junior 5000 2005. His father was a middle distance runner ... born-Kongit, near Kapsakwony, Mt. Elgon District

In 2008: 13 Kenyan XC

SEFIR Dino ETH - **14:15.53 -07**

3 African junior 5000 2007; 8 Great Ethiopian Run 10K 2007

SONGOK Isaac KEN **24y** 48d 1984 **13:28.4** **12:48.66 -06**

2003 Kenyan 1500m Champion ... 2001 World Youth 1500m Champion ... 1500 pb: 3:30.99 -04 (3:41.10 -08). 3000 pb: 7:28.72 -06. 1

World Youth 1500 2001; 7 WJC 1500 2002; 9 WCH 1500 2003; 12 OLY 1500 2004; 10 WCH 5000 2005 (2007-ht); 2 African Champs 5000

2008. At WXC: 2004-7 short, 2005- 3 short. 2006-2 short. 1 Kenyan junior 2002 & senior 2003. Three sisters & four brothers ... second of

seven children ... from same village at Bernard Lagat ... in Linz 2001 broke the 37 year-old world youth mile best of Jim Ryun

In 2008: 10 Kenyan XC; 1 Kenyan African Championship Trial 5000; 2 African Champs 5000; 6 Doha 3000; 10 Oslo "Dream" Mile

TAHRI Bouabdellah FRA **29y** 175d 1978 - **13:12.29 -07**

(Familiar name – "Bob") ... 4th, 5th, 7th 8th in World/Olympic steeplechase finals

3000SC pb: 8:06.91 -03. 1500 pb: 3:34.85 -02. 1 EJC 5000 97; 1 ECP 3000SC 2000/2001/2002/2004 (1 3000 flat 2007); 11 WIC 3000

2001; 4 WCH 3000SC 2003 (99-12, 2001/2007-5, 2005-8); 7 OLY 3000SC 2004 (2000-ht); 3 ECH 3000SC 2006 (98-10, 2002-4); 3 WCP

3000SC 2006; 2 EIC 3000 2007 (98-8). At WXC: 97-22J (1st European), 2004-15 short, 2005-dnf long. At EXC: 2005-4. Hs parents were

Algerian ... coach-Jean-Michel Dirringer (same as Mehdi Baala)

In 2008: 1 Antony 3000

ZAMAN Sultan Khamis QAT **22y** 325d 1985 - **13:09.11 -06**

TRANSFEREE – Formerly: Onèsphore Nkuzimana BDI

2008 Asian indoor Champion at 3000m

3000 pb: 7:48.50 -03. 10,000 pb: 27:44.47 -05. Half Mar pb: 63:31 -05. 4 WJC 5000 2004 (2000-9); ht OLY 5000 2004; 16 WCH 10,000

2005; 19 World Half Mar 2005; 29 World 20K 2006. At WXC: 2001-100 long (for Burundi), 2004-8 short & team silver (for Qatar), 2005-19

short & dnf long, 2006-10 short, 2007-dnf, 2008-22

In 2008: 1 Asian indoor 3000; 6ht WIC 3000; 22 WXC

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Men's 110 Metres Hurdles

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2008 World Best: 12.95 David Oliver USA Doha 9 May 08

Lane 1 goes to winner of 'B' race held at 16:25

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
2,	SVOBODA Petr CZE Dec pb: 7018 -04. dnq World Youth LJ 2001; ht WJC 100/110H 2002; ht EJC 110H 2003; dnf EIC Heptathlon 2005; sf EIC 60H 2007; sf WIC 60H 2008. 1 Czech indoor 60H 2007 ... 1.96/87kg In 2008: 5sf WIC; 2 Ostrava; 2 Turin	23y	245d	1984	13.70	13.64 -07
3,	DEMIDYUK Sergiy UKR 2007 World finalist ... 2007 World Student Games Champion ... Ukrainian record holder sf under-23 ECH 2003; ht OLY 2004; sf EIC 2005; sf WIC 2006 (2004-ht); 4 ECP 2006; 8 ECH 2006; 1 WSG 2007 (2005-3); 6 WCH 2007 (2005-ht). 1 Ukrainian 2003/2004/2005/2006 (1 indoor 2003/2004/2005/2006/2007) ... graduate of Economics from the Kiev University of Trade and Economics ... coach-Volodymyr Fedorets ... 1.95 tall In 2008: 1 Königs Wusterhausen; 1 Dessau; 6 Berlin; 1 Kaunas	26y	8d	1982	13.58	13.22 -07
4,	PAYNE David USA Winner of the bronze medal in Osaka just three days after he knew he'd be competing at the World Championships (though he said that helped, he didn't have time to get nervous) 13.28w -08. 400H pb: 51.16 -04. 2 Pan-Am 2007; 3 WCH 2007. 3 NCAA 2003; 5 US Champs 2005; 2 US indoor 2007. Graduate of Sociology from University of Cincinnati ... can play the trumpet ... he makes and collects model ships ... coach-Maurice Pierce In 2008: 1 Ponce; 4 New York; 2 Eugene	25y	324d	1982	13.38	13.02 -07
5,	TRAMMELL Terrence USA Olympic hurdles silvers in Sydney & Athens, world silvers in Paris & Osaka 100 pb: 10.04 -00. 1 WSG 110H 99; 2 OLY 110H 2000/2004; 1 WIC 60H 2001/2006; 2 WCH 110H 2003/2007 (2001-sf, 2005-5); 3 WIC 60 2006 (2003-ht). 1 NCAA 110H 99/2000. 1 US indoor 60H 2000/2001/2002/2006 & outdoor 2004/2007. Has the best flat speed of world-class hurdlers ... studied Retail Management at the University of South Carolina ... lives-Atlanta, coach-Nat Page In 2008: 2 Carson 110H; 1 New York 110H	29y	202d	1978	13.11	12.95 -07
6,	ROBLES Dayron CUB 2007 Pan-American gold ... 2006 World indoor silver ... 2-2 vs Liu Xiang in 2007 6 World Youth 2003; 2 WJC 2004; 1 Pan-American junior 2005; 2 WIC 2006 (2008-ht); 1 Central American & Caribbean 2006; 3 WCP 2006; 1 Pan-American 2007; 4 WCH 2007 (2005-sf). 1 Cuban 2006. Coached by Santiago Artunez, trains with Anier García ... born-Guantanamo ... The gold medallion in which he (usually) races is of the Patron Saint of Cuba (The Virgin of Cobre), a symbol of good luck and positive energy for all Cubans ... 1.92 tall In 2008: 7ht WIC (thought there was a false start); 2 Berlin; 1 Turin	21y	206d	1986	13.20	12.92 -07
Excellent indoor season before the World Indoor Championships with wins at 7/8 meetings at the second-fastest time ever at 60mH of 7.33						
7,	SAJDOK Stanislav CZE HJ pb: 2.24i -08. 6 WJC 110H 2002; ht EIC 60H 2005; 6 ECP 110H 2005; 3 under-23 ECH 110H 2005; sf WIC 60H 2006/2008. 1 Czech 110H 2003/2004/2005. 1 Czech indoor 60H 2005/2006/2008; 1 Czech under-23 110H 2003/2004 In 2008: 7sf WIC; 4 Prague 60 (4 150) (May 5); 1 Prague 110H; 2 European Clubs Cup 110H; 1 Ostrava 110H (3 HJ) (May 31); 1 Prague 110H (3 HJ) (Jun 6)	24y	326d	1983	13.68	13.68 -06/08
8,	BLASCHEK Thomas GER 2000 World junior silver ... 2006 European silver ... 13.27w -06. 2 WJC 2000; sf under-23 ECH 2003; 5 EIC 2005; 2 ECP 2005 (2006-5, 2007-3); sf WCH 2005/2007; 2 ECH 2006; 5 WIC 2008 (2006-6). 1 German 2006/2007 (1 indoor 2005/2006/2007/2008) ... from-Leipzig, coach-Idriss Gonschinska (4 EJC 87) In 2008: 1 German indoor; 5 WIC; 1 Weinheim; 2 Dessau; 5 Berlin; 3 Kassel	27y	69d	1981	13.54	13.31 -05

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Men's 110 Metres Hurdles 'B'

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2008 World Best: 12.95 David Oliver USA Doha 9 May 08

			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	61	SMOLA Jirí CZE ht EJC 2007. 1 Czech junior 2007 In 2008: 8sf Czech indoor 60; 1 Olomouc 'B'; 5 Ostrava 'B' (May 31)	20y	120d	1988	14.87	14.58 -07
2,	58	JANECEK Matús SVK 1 Slovak 2006/2007 In 2008: 4 Slovak indoor; 5 European Clubs Cup ; 4 Ostrava (May 31); 7 Prague (Jun 7)	22y	334d	1985	14.22	14.07 -06
3,		DARIEN Garfield FRA 7 WJC 2004; 1 EJC 2007. His father Daniel Darien clocked 13.76 in 1987 In 2008: 3 French indoor; 1 Conflans-St-Honorine; 2 Bonneuil-sur-Marne; 8 Montgeron; 1 Forbach; 3 Belgrade	20y	173d	1987	13.64	13.64 -08
4,		PEREMOTA Igor RUS 2003 World Student Games silver ... sf WJC 2000; 7 under-23 ECH 2003; 2 WSG 2003; qf OLY 2004; ht EIC 2005; sf WCH 2005; sf WIC 2006 (2004/2008-ht); 3 ECP 2006 (2003-6); 4 ECH 2006; 6 WCP 2006. 1 Russian 2004/2005/2006/2007. Coach/father Viktor Peremota In 2008: 2 Russian indoor; 5ht WIC; 1 Caucasus Cup	27y	150d	1981	13.63	13.37 -06
5,	81	PORTER Jeff USA 1 NCAA indoor 2007 (4 outdoors), representing the University of Michigan In 2008: 1 Ypsilanti; 7 Penn Relays 'B'; 2 Columbus; 4 Modesto; 6 Hengelo; 3 Königs Wusterhausen; 5 Belgrade; dnf Kassel 'B'; 2 Kaunas	22y	198d	1985	13.68	13.57 -07
6,	57	CECH Jan CZE 1 Czech indoor 2004 In 2008: 5 Irish indoor; 3 Czech indoor; 3 Ostrava (May 31)	26y	361d	1981	14.21	13.75 -07
7,	60	POKORNY Martin CZE sf EJC 2007 ... In 2008: 2 Schwechat; 1 Brno; 6 Ostrava	19y	263d	1988	14.27	14.27 -08
8,	59	UHER Jakub CZE In 2008: 1 Trinec	24y	313d	1983	14.91	14.77 -07

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Men's Pole Vault

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

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	JANÁČEK Stepán CZE 4x Czech Champion ... 1999 World Student Games silver ... Dec pb: 7328 -96. 4 WJC Decathlon 96 (dnq PV); 3 ECP 99 (98-7); 2 WSG 99; 8 under-23 ECH 99; dnq OLY 2000/2004; 8 WIC 2001 (2003-dnq); dnq WCH 2001; dnq EIC 2002; 5 ECH 2002; dnq WCH 2003; dnq ECH 2006. 1 Czech 98/99/2000/2001 ... 1.88 tall In 2008: 2 Turnov; 1 Ostrava (May 31); 1 Prague (Jun 7)	31y	today	1977	5.41	5.76 -02
2,	JENG Alhaji SWE 2006 World indoor silver ... Swedish indoor record holder ... born-Gambia, moved to Sweden at three weeks old =8 WJC 2000; 6 under-23 ECH 2001; 8 EIC 2005; 2 WIC 2006 (2007-7); nh ECH 2006; dnq WCH 2007. 1 Swedish indoor 2004/2005/2006/2008 (1 outdoor 2006) ... coaches-Pekka Dahlhöjd & Thomas Kyöstiä ... has lived in Gothenburg since the age of 10 ... 1.86 tall In 2008: 7 WIC; =7 Hengelo; 7 Berlin; nh Malmö	26y	182d	1981	5.50	5.80 -06
3,	KUDLICKA Jan CZE 6 World Youth 2005; 5 WJC 2006; nh qual EJC 2007 In 2008: 2 Czech indoor; 8 Bad Oeynhausen; 1 Turnov; 1 European Clubs Cup; 1 Trinec; 2 Prague (Jun 7)	20y	44d	1988	5.41	5.62 -07
4,	PTÁČEK Adam CZE Czech record holder ... 1998 World Junior bronze ... 5.81i -03. =3 WJC 98; nh EJC final 99; =6 ECH 2002; 2 World Military 2002; dnq WIC 2003; dnq WCH 2003; dnq OLY 2004; 2 ECP 2005; dnq ECH 2006; dnq EIC 2007. 1 Czech 2002/2003/2006 (1 indoor 2000/2001/2003/2007). 1.77 tall. Attended IAF "Masterclass" with Sergey Bubka in Monaco in 1998 ... coach-Patera Boleslav ... Ptáček in Czech means "little bird" ... 1.78 tall In 2008: 4 Prague (Jun 7)	27y	247d	1980	5.05	5.82 -07
5,	BLOM Rens NED In Helsinki 2005 became Holland's first ever male World or Olympic Champion in athletics ... had operations on both Achilles tendons in 2006 then further operations on the left side in October 2007 & January 2008 4 WSG 97; =5 under-23 ECH (97-10); 3 EIC 2000 (98-dnq); dnq ECH 2002; 3 WIC 2003 (2004-nh final); 6 ECP 2005; =9 OLY 2004 (2000- dnq); 1 WCH 2005 (2001-nh final, 2003-dnq). 1 Dutch 2001-2005 ... his father Wim Blom was an international sprinter in the 1960s ... 1.78 tall In 2008: 4 Cologne; 11 Hengelo	31y	104d	1977	5.50	5.81 -04
6,	YURCHENKO Denys UKR 2004 World Indoor bronze ... twice European indoor silver ... nh final EJC 97; =2 ECP 2002 (2007-3); =6 ECH 2002; 3 WIC 2004 (2003-6=, 2006-dnq); =9 OLY 2004 (2000-dnq); 2 EIC 2005/2007 (2002-dnq); dnq ECH 2006; 12 WCH 2007 (2005-dnq). 1 Ukrainian 99/2000/2002/2003/2006... 1.92 tall In 2008: dnq WIC; 1 Dakar	30y	137d	1978	5.55	5.81 -03
7,	SCHULZE Fabian GER 2005 European under-23 silver ... 6 World Youth 2001; 3 EJC 2003; 2 under-23 ECH 2005; 5 EIC 2005; 2 under-23 ECH 2005; =4 WIC 2006 (2008-nh). 1 German junior 2003 & under-23 2004 ... 1.92 tall In 2008: 3 German indoor; 1 Bad Oeynhausen; nh WIC; 4 Dakar; 1 Hengelo; 5 Berlin	24y	97d	1984	5.60	5.81 -06
8,	LOBINGER Tim GER Former World Indoor Champion ... 8x German Champion ... medals at three successive European Championships 3 EJC 91; 7 OLY 96 (2000-13, 2004-11=); 4 WCH 97 (93-dnq, 95-11, 99-6, 2003-5, 2005-5=, 2007-8); 1 EIC 98/2002 (96-6, 2000-nh in final, 2005-3, 2007-5); 2 ECH 98 (2002-3, 2006-2=); 2 WCP 98; 1 ECP 2002/2007 (93-5, 94-3, 95-nh, 96-2, 97-3, 2000-2); 1 WIC 2003 (95- dnq, 97/2004-5, 2006-3, 2008-5). 1 German 93/94/97/98/99/2000/2003/2005. Scored 7346 in a Decathlon in 1999, including world Decathlon vault record of 5.76 ... two children, Kendra Fee & Lex Tyger ... coach-Chauncey Johnson ... 1.93 tall In 2008: 1 German indoor; 5 WIC; 2 Cologne; 9 Hengelo; 4 Dessau; nh Berlin; 7 Kassel; 4 Regensburg	35y	282d	1972	5.70	6.00 -97/99
9,	MAZURYK Maksym UKR Former World Junior Champion ... beat great field to win on countback at Donyetsk indoor 2007 5.81i -08. 1 WJC 2002; 3 under-23 ECH 2003 (2005-6); 8 ECH 2006; 11 WCH 2007; 6 WIC 2008 (2006-dnq) ... 1.90 tall In 2008: 6 WIC; 2 Berlin; 4 Moscow Open	25y	72d	1983	5.82	5.82 -08
10,	LUKYANENKO Yevgeniy RUS 2008 World Indoor Champion ... 5.90i -08. nh ECP 2007; 6 WCH 2007; 1 WIC 2008. 3 Russian junior 2003. From Slavanska Kuban in the Krasnodar area ... in the Coach-Sergey Gripich ... 1.90 tall In 2008: 1 WIC; 2 Dessau; 1 Berlin; 2 Moscow Open	23y	141d	1985	5.85	5.85 -08

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Men's Javelin Throw

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2008 World Best: 89.02 Jarrod Bannister AUS Brisbane 29 Feb 08

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	REVAY Tomáš CZE In 2008: 1 Brno; 3 Ostrava	23y	44d	1985	69.93	69.93 -08
2,	VESELY Vítězslav CZE 9 WJC 2002 ... In 2008: 2 Turnov; 3 European Clubs Cup ; 1 Prague	25y	106d	1983	75.40	79.45 -07
3,	WENK Stefan GER 9 WJC 2000; 7 under-23 EJC 2001; 4 ECP 2006; 12 ECH 2006 ... 1.92/83kg In 2008: nm Belgrade; 6 Schönebeck	27y	92d	1981	73.35	83.94 -06
4,	BOKOR Marian SVK 11x Slovak Champion ... 9 under-23 ECH 99; dnq OLY 2000/2004; dnq WCH 2005; 8 WSG 2005; dnq ECH 2006. 1 Slovak 96-2000/2002 -2007 ... 1.93/83kg In 2008: 1 Olomouc; 5 European Clubs Cup	31y	57d	1977	71.05	83.38 -00
5,	MÜLLER Stefan SUI Swiss record holder, in Gothenburg 2006 became the first Swiss to throw further than 80m 11 under-23 ECH 2001; dnq WCH 2005/2007; 3 WSG 2005 (2003-8); 7 ECH 2006. 1 Swiss 2003/2004/2006 ... 1.90/96kg In 2008: 1 Pavia; 10 Halle; 6 Kalamata; 5 Moscow Open	28y	266d	1979	75.47	82.07 -06
6,	FRYDRYCH Petr CZE 11 World Youth 2005; dnq WJC 2006; 9 EJC 2007. 1 Czech junior 2007 In 2008: 1 Turnov; 1 Susice; 4 Belgrade; 1 Ostrava (May 31); 3 Prague (Jun 7)	20y	151d	1988	74.13	75.55 -07
7,	OOSTHUIZEN Robert RSA 2007 African Games Champion & 2007 World finalist ... now third on African all-time list after Marius Corbett & Tom Petranoff 2 World Youth 2003; 1 African junior 2005; 5 COM 2006; 1 WJC 2006; 1 African Games 2007; 6 WCH 2007. 1 South African 2007/2008 ... 1.88/94kg In 2008: 1 Durban; 1 Oudtshoorn; 1 Pretoria; 1 South African	21y	141d	1987	86.80	86.80 -08

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Women's 400 Metres

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2008 World Best:	49.83	Amantle Montsho BOT	Addis Ababa	2 May 08
	49.83	Allyson Felix USA	Doha	9 May 08

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	THIPE Tsholofelo RSA (Née Selemela) ... 100 pb: 11.55 -08. 200 pb: 23.28 -08. 4 African Champs 2008. 1 South African 2008 In 2008: 2 Potchefstroom 100 (3 200); 2 Germiston 200; 1 Pretoria 100 (2 200); 1 South African (2 100, 5 200); 4 African Champs	21y	186d	1986	51.49	51.49 -08
2,	BARTONÍCKOVÁ Jitka CZE 200 pb: 23.94w, 24.06 -06. ht ECH 2006. 1 Czech 2005/2007 (1 indoor 2004/2006) In 2008: 3 Czech indoor; 4 WIC 4x400; 4 European Clubs Cup ; 6 Ostrava 200; 3 Prague (Jun 7)	22y	173d	1985	53.83	52.91 -06
3,	FLOYD Ebonie USA 100 pb: 11.13 -07 (11.29 -08). 200 pb: 22.32 -07 (22.80 -08). 2 NCAA 100 2007 (3 200). Studied Human Development at the University of Houston ... mother-Delisa Walton was fifth in the 1988 Olympic 800m final ... father-Stanley Floyd was US #1 at 100m in 1980 so did not get to go to the Olympics that year because of the western boycott of Moscow In 2008: 1 San Antonio 400; 2 Arlington 200 (3 100); 1 Houston 200; 3 Waco 200; 2 Houston 100/200; 5 Doha 100; 1 Ponce 200 (3 100); 1 Provo 200; 5 Eugene 400	24y	235d	1983	51.25	51.25 -08
4,	OHURUOGU Christine GBR In 2007 became Britain's first female World or Olympic Champion at 400m 200 pb: 22.94 -08. 3 EJC 400/4x400 2003; sf OLY 2004 (4 4x400); 2 under-23 ECH 400/4x400 2005; sf WCH 2005 (3 4x400); 1 COM 2006; 1 WCH 2007 (3 4x400). 1 AAA 2004. Played for Essex and England in Netball, but switched to athletics in 2003 ... studied Linguistics at University College London ... born-Forest Gate, lives-Stratford ... her younger sister Victoria was third in 2007 English Schools under-15 200m ... coaches-Lloyd Cowan & Christine Bomaker (Bloomfield) ... returning from a year's suspension to August 5, 2007, after having missed three out of competition doping tests in 2006 In 2008: 1 Long Beach 100/200; 5 Mt SAC Relays 200; 1 Irvine 100/200; 3 Zaragoza 200; 3 Oslo Golden League 200 (pb 22.94)	24y	26d	1984	-	49.61 -07
5,	VESHKUROVA Tatyana RUS 2006 European silver & relay gold ... apparently she improved from 53.33 to 49.99 in 2006 1 ECP 4x400 2005; 2 ECH 2006 (1 4x400); 4 WCP 2006; 5 EIC 2007; sf WCH 2007. Won at the four-nations international at Birmingham in August 2006 ... coach-Rif Tabilov In 2008: 1 Caucasus Cup	26y	263d	1981	51.05	49.99 -06
6,	PROKOPEK Grazyna POL Polish indoor record holder ... 200 pb: 23.22 -04. 3 under-23 ECH 99; sf WCH 2001 (7 4x400); sf EIC 2002 (2 4x400); 2 ECP 2002; 4 ECH 2002 (3 4x400); sf WIC 2003/2004/2006; sf WCH 2003 (2005-ht); sf OLY 2004; sf ECH 2004 (3 4x400); sf WIC 2006; 6 EIC 2007. 1 Polish 98 -2002. Same coach (Slawomir Nowak) as did Wilson Kipketer ... married to Czech pole vaulter Stepán Janáček In 2008: 3 European Indoor Cup Medley Relay; 5 Hengelo; 2 Ostrava 200; 1 Malmö	31y	54d	1977	52.87	51.29 -04
7,	ANTYUKH Natalya RUS 2004 Olympic bronze ... 200 pb: 22.75 -04. 400H pb: 58.30 -00. ht WCH 2001; 1 EIC 400/4x400 2002; 1 ECH 4x400 2002; 1 WIC 4x400 2003/2006; 3 OLY 2004 (2 4x400); 1 ECP 2005 (2001-3); sf WCH 2005 (1 4x400); 2 EIC 4x400 2007; 6 WCH 2007 (4 4x400). Born-St Petersburg ... coach-Yekaterina Kulikova In 2008: 2 Kaunas	26y	352d	1981	52.48	49.85 -04
8,	AL-JAK Nawal SUD 2005 World Youth Champion at 400m ... Sudanese record holder at 400m flat & hurdles, though she has not improved since age 17 400H pb: 57.86 -05. 1 World Youth 400 2005; sf WCH 400 2005; 1 African junior 200/400/200H 2005; 3 WJC 400 2006; 4 African Games 400 2007; 5 African Champs 400 2008. 1 Pan-Arab 400 2007 In 2008: 5 African Champs 400; 3 Algiers 400; 2 Malmö 400; pace Oslo Golden League 800	19y	238d	1988	51.93	51.19 -05

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Women's 800 Metres

19:03

2008 World Best: 1:54.99 Pamela Jelimo KEN Berlin 1 Jun 08
(pace – 200m: 27.5; 400m: 56.0; 600m: 1:24.59)

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	MACHARIA Faith KEN	32y	124d	1976	2:02.06	1:58.34 -01
	Fourth in 2001 World 800m ... holds Kenyan record at 1000m (2:35.39 in 2001) 4 WCH 800 2001 (2003-sf); sf COM 800 2002; ht OLY 800 2004. 1 Kenyan 800 2001/2002 ... in Monaco 1998 paced record eight women below 3:59 for 1500 ... from-Nyeri ... coach-Ricky Simms In 2008: 3 Kenyan African Championship Trial 800; dnf African Champs 800; 2 Dakar 800; 2 European Clubs Cup (6 1500); 3 Belgrade 800					
2,	LEWIS Tamsyn AUS	29y	328d	1978	1:59.59	1:59.21 -00
	2008 World Indoor Champion ... 7x Australian Champion at 800m, twice at 400m 400 pb: 51.44 -08. 6 WJC 400 94; 3 WJC 4x400 96 (sf 400); 8 WCP 98/2002; 1 COM 4x400 98/2002/2006; sf WIC 800 99/2001; sf OLY 2000 (2004-ht); sf WCH 2001 (99/2007-ht); 5 COM 800 2002 (98-6); sf COM 400 2006. 1 Australian 800 98/99/2000/2001/2002/2003/2007/2008 (1 400 2005/2007/2008). Father-Greg Lewis (1 COM 4x100 74) ... mother-Carolyn Wright was 7x Australian Champion at HJ ... older brother Justin is her coach and was a professional sprinter ... formerly coached by Sebastian Coe and Daley Thompson ... in autumn 2006 she placed third in Australian TV's "Dancing With The Stars" ... born/lives-Melbourne In 2008: 1 Sydney 800; 1 Hobart 800; 1 Canberra 800; 1 Australian Cup 400; 1 Victorian State 400; 1 Sydney 800; 1 Melbourne 400; 1 Australian 400/800; 1 WIC 800; 10 Berlin 800; 8 Oslo Golden League 800					
3,	KOTLYAROVA Olga RUS	32y	61d	1976	2:01.46	1:57.24 -06
	Record five golds from World Championship 4x400m relays indoors & out, now European Champion at 800m 400 pb: 49.77 -04. 1 EJC 400 95; 2 EIC 400 96; qf OLY 400 96; sf WCH 400 97; 1 WIC 4x400 97/99/2001/2004; 2 WSG 400 97; 3 ECH 400 98 (2 4x400); 5 WCP 400 98; 8 WCH 400 99 (1 4x400); 8 OLY 400 2000 (3 4x400); 2 WIC 400 2001 (97/99-sf); 1 ECP 400 2004 (99-2); 5 WIC 800 2006; 1 ECH 800 2006; 3 WCP 800 2006; 4 WCH 800 2007. 1 Russian 400 98 & 800 2006/2007. Daughter Tatyana born July 29, 2002 ... turned from 400m to 800m after an Achilles injury prevented her from competing at the 2004 Olympics ... graduate of Accountancy from the University of Economics in Yekaterinburg ... favourite book is "The First Circle" by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn In 2008: 1 Moscow 4x800 (Ran second leg for team which broke world indoor record); 1 Caucasus Cup 800					
4,	KLOCOVA Lucia SVK	24y	205d	1983	1:58.89	1:58.62 -07
	2002 World junior silver ... 400 pb: 52.98 -05. 1 EJC 2001; 2 WJC 2002 (2000-3); 2 under-23 ECH 2003 (2005-5); sf WCH 2003/2005/2007; sf OLY 2004; sf ECH 2006. 1 Slovak 2004/2006. Clocked 1:58.62 in 2007 World Championships semis, the fastest-ever non qualifying time In 2008: 3 Hengelo; 1 Ostrava (May 31); 2 Oslo Golden League					
5a,	CUSMA PICCIONE Elisa ITA	26y	324d	1981	1:59.76	1:58.63 -07
	Very unlucky not to reach 2007 World outdoor final despite running 1:58.63 in the semi-finals 1500 pb: 4:09.34 -07. ht WIC 800 2006; sf ECH 800 2006; sf EIC 800 2007; sf WCH 800 2007 (2005-ht). 1 Italian 800 2005/2006/2007 (1 indoor 1500 2006 & 800 2007/2008). Father Lucio was a European and Italian lightweight boxing champion in 1983/1984 ... coach-Claudio Guizzardi In 2008: 2 European Indoor Cup 800; 1 Italian indoor 800; 6 WIC 800; 7 Oderzo 5.5K; 7 Berlin 800; 7 Oslo Golden League 800					
5b,	HAK Yvonne NED	21y	348d	1986	2:00.10	2:00.10 -08
	Big breakthrough by her already in 2008, from 2:04.82 to 2:00.10 ... 1 Dutch 800 2006. At EXC: 2006-63u23 In 2008: 1 Dutch indoor; 1 Hoorn; 4 Hengelo; 1 Kassel					
6a,	OKORO Marilyn GBR	23y	262d	1984	2:01.33i	1:58.76 -07
	2007 World 4x400 bronze ... 400 pb: 52.02 -06 (53.73 -08). 4 under-23 ECH 800 2005; 3 WSG 800 2004; 7 COM 800 2006; 4 EIC 800 2007; sf WCH 800 2007 (3 4x400). 1 AAA under-23 800 2005 & 400 2006. 1 UK indoor 800 2007. Parents-Nigerian ... graduate of French & Politics from Bath University, where she sang in their gospel choir ... coach-Ayo Falola In 2008: 2 UK indoor; 3ht WIC; 8 Mt SAC Relays 1500; 1 Irvine 400; 6 Dakar 400					
6b,	ROSTKOWSKA Anna POL	27y	321d	1980	2:01.18	2:00.04 -04
	(Née Zagorska) ... 2001 European under-23 Champion ... 1 under-23 ECH 2001; 4 WSG 2001; 2 EIC 4x400 2002; 2 WSG 2003; 5 ECP 2004. 1 Polish 2000-2004. Many near misses at breaking two minutes In 2008: 2 Kozienice 1500; 4 Zaragoza 800					
7a,	CAPKOVÁ Tereza CZE	20y	324d	1987	2:06.16	2:05.77 -07
	2:04.96i -08. 1500 pb: 4:16.37 -06. 7 WJC 1500 2006. 1 Czech 1500 2006. At EXC: 2005-27J In 2008: 1 Czech indoor 800; 1 Chodov 800; 5 European Clubs Cup 1500; 9 Belgrade 1500; 2 Czech under-23 1500; 9 Pettinengo 4K; 1 Czech junior XC					
7b,	MASNÁ Lenka CZE	23y	52d	1985	2:04.31	2:02.36 -07
	8 under-23 ECH 2007. 1 Czech under-23 2006/2007 In 2008: 6 Czech indoor 400; 1 Liberec; 7 Königs Wusterhausen					
8a,	EIDRNOVÁ Drahomíra CZE	24y	258d	1983	-	2:07.90 -07
	PACEMAKER ... 400 pb: 53.77 -08. 2 Czech 400 2005/2007 In 2008: 4 Czech indoor 400; 1 Kolín 600; 2 Liberec 800; 1 Palafrugell 400; 3 Ostrava 400 (May 31)					
8b,	SIMPSON Jemma GBR	24y	123d	1984	2:01.27	1:59.99 -06
	2003 European Junior bronze ... 2005 European under-23 silver ... 2007 UK Champion 500 pb: 4:10.08 -07. 1 Commonwealth Youth 800 2000; 8 World Youth 800 2001; 4 WJC 800 2002; 3 EJC 800 2003; 2 under-23 ECH 800 2005; 6 COM 800 2006; sf ECH 800 2006; sf WCH 800 2007. 1 UK 800 2007 & indoor 1500 2008. Studying English at St Mary's College, Twickenham ... in 2005 she appeared as an extra in the film "The Da Vinci Code" and while in Australia in 2006 also appeared in a cafe scene in an episode of the TV soap opera "Neighbours" ... born-Plymouth, lives-Polgooth (Cornwall) ... coach-Mark Rowland In 2008: 1 UK indoor 1500; 6ht WIC 1500; 6 Zaragoza					

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Women's 10,000 Metres

20:30

2008 World Best: 30:34.49 Shalane Falangan USA Stanford 4 May 08

	Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
AYALEW Wude ETH	20y	344d	1987	32:55.17	32:55.17 -08
Previously known as Wude Ayalew Yimer ... 5000 pb: 14:57.23 -06. 5 WJC 5000 2006. At WXC: 2006-5 long, 2007-10. 3 African Champs 10,000 2008 In 2008: 6 Ethiopian XC; Ran second stage for Ethiopian team which won Yokohama Ekiden, clocking 31:41 for 10K (the fastest stage); 3 African Champs 10,000					
CHANGEYWO Doris KEN	23y	182d	1984	-	32:10.28 -05
Fourth in 2008 World Cross Country Championships ... full name-Doris Chepkwemoi Changeywo 5000 pb: 15:18.01 -08. At WXC: 2008-4. 1 East African long course XC 2005; 1 World Military Games 10,000 2007; 5 Kenyan 10,000 2007 & Kenyan World Championship Trial 10,000 2007. Partner-Moses Masai (26:49 10,000m runner) In 2008: 2 Kenyan Armed Forces XC; 3 Kenyan XC; 4 WXC; 1 Dublin 10K; 1 Würzburg 10K; 3 Heillecourt 4.7K; 11 Berlin 5000					
DIBABA Ejegayehu ETH	26y	84d	1982	32:50.36	30:18.39 -05
2004 Olympic 10,000m silver ... double long distance bronze at 2005 World Championships 3000 pb: 8:29.55 -06. 5000 pb: 14:32.74 -04 (14:36.78 -08). 3 African Champs 5000 2002; 9 WCH 10,000 2003; 1 African Games 10,000 2003; 1 Afro-Asian 10,000 2003; 2 OLY 10,000 2004; 3 WCH 5000/10,000 2005; 7 WCH 10,000 2007; 2 African Champs 10,000 2008. At WXC: 2003-9 short, 2004-2 long & 10 short, 2005-14 short, 2006-14 long. Older sister of Tirunesh Dibaba, cousin of Derartu Tulu In 2008: 13 San Juan 10K; 2 African Champs 10,000; 3 Oslo Golden League 5000					
She played an important role in her sister's world record in Oslo last week by reviving the pace after the official pacemaker had dropped out, yet she went on to finish third in one of her best ever times					
DIBABA Tirunesh ETH	22y	255d	1985	32:49.08	30:15.67 -05
Epic new world 5000m record in Oslo six days ago, with her last 3000m taking just 8:27.51, faster than her best for that distance 5000 pb: 14:11.15 -08. 3000 pb: 8:29.55 -06. 2 WJC 5000 2002; 1 WCH 5000 2003; 3 OLY 5000 2004; 1 WCH 5000/10,000 2005; 2 African Champs 5000 2006; 1 WCP 3000 2006; 1 WCH 10,000 2007 (60.16 last lap but almost dropped out earlier in the race with injury); 1 African Champs 10,000 2008. At WXC: 2001-5J, 2002-2J, 2003-1J, 7 short, 2004-2 short, 2005-1 long/1 short, 2006-1 long, dnf short, 2007-2, 2008 -1. Cousin of Derartu Tulu ... one of seven children, she has five sisters including 2004 Olympic 10,000m silver medallist Ejegayehu and 2007 World Cross Country team medallist Genzebe... fiancé-Sileshi Sihine In 2008: 1 Boston 3000 indoor (8:33.37); 1 WXC; 1 African Champs 10,000; 1 Oslo Golden League 5000 (world record 14:11.15)					
GELANA Tiki ETH	20y	234d	1987	-	32:43.31 -07
5000 pb: 15:17.74 -08 In 2008: 2 Heillecourt 4.7K; 2 Puy-en-Velay 15K; 4 Bangalore 10K; 10 Berlin 5000					
GETANEH Genet ETH	22y	158d	1986	-	32:09.50 -07
19 World Half Mar 2007. 1 Great Ethiopian Run 2004/2005. Clocking 31:45 for 10K in 2005 Yokohama Ekiden In 2008: 5 Ethiopian XC; 3 Paris Half Mar; 5 Glasgow 10K					
GROVE-McDONOUGH Andrea CAN	34y	338d	1973	32:29.69	32:29.69 -08
2 Canadian 5000 2002/2006/2007					
GRUCA Dorota POL	37y	190d	1970	-	31:52.11 -04
Polish record holder & 6x Polish Champion at 10,000m ... Mar pb: 2:27:46 -05. 3000 pb: 9:09.57 -98. 5000 pb: 15:18.75 -04. 19 World Half Mar 96 (95-68, 98-53, 2000-32); 15 ECH 5000 98; 6 ECP 5000 99. 1 Polish 10,000 95/96/98/99/2001/2004 (1 5000 95/98/99). Formerly known as Gruca-Giezek Marathons (12): 3 Monaco 2002; 1 Karstadt 2003; 1 Richmond VA 2003; 1 Birmingham, AL 2004; 1 Mazatlán 2004; 1 Salt Lake City 2005; 13 WCH 2005; 3 Las Vegas 2005; 6 Osaka 2006; 8 Singapore 2006; 2 Amsterdam 2007 In 2008: 3 Carlsbad Half Mar; 2 Dallas 8K; 3 Nagano					
JARZYNSKA Karolina POL	26y	280d	1981	-	33:46.92 -02
Mar pb: 2:33:16 -08. 5000 pb: 16:06.99 -03. 1 Polish under-23 5000 2003 Marathons (4): dnf Rome 2007; 3 Warsaw 2007; 2 Porto 2007; 2 Zürich 2008 In 2008: 1 Poznan Half Mar; 2 Zürich; 5 Edinburgh 10K; 8 Glasgow 10K					
JASSEM Karima Saleh BRN	20y	115d	1988	-	15:52.15 -07
2007 Asian Champion at both 5000m & 10,000m ... 5000 pb: 15:52.15 -07. 1 Arab 5000/Half Mar 2005 (1 Half Mar 2007); 13 WJC 3000 2006; 1 Asian Champs 5000/10,000 2007. At WXC: 2006-28 short, 2008-17 In 2008: 1 Marrakech Half Mar; 17 WXC; 17 Berlin 5000					
JOHNSON Benita AUS	29y	38d	1979	-	30:37.68 -03
Former World Cross Country Champion ... Oceanian record holder at 5000m, 10,000m & Marathon (Née Willis) ... Half Mar pb: 67:55 -04. Mar pb: 2:22:36 -06. 5000 pb: 14:47.60 -02. 1500 pb: 4:07.05 -00. 3000 pb: 8:38.06 -03. 7 WJC 1500 98; 5 WSG 1500 99; ht OLY 5000 2000; 6 WIC 3000 2001 (2003-7); 12 WCH 5000 2001; 6 COM 5000 2002; 4 WCP 5000 2002; 8 WCH 10,000 2003 (2005-19, 2007-17); 3 World Half Mar 2003; 24 OLY 10,000 2004; 1 Great North Run 2004 (2006-2); 14 New York 2004 (marathon debut); 6 London 2005 (2007-7); 4 COM 10,000 2006; 3 Chicago 2006. At WXC: 2001-6 short, 2002-4 short, 2003-5 short, 2004-1 long, 2005-7 long, 2006-4 long & 4 short, 2008-11. Was an under-20 hockey international (position: striker, she scored five goals for her country in seven matches) ... born-Mackay (same as Cathy Freeman), lives-Melbourne ... married Cameron Johnson on February 2, 2002 ... coach-Nic Bideau In 2008: 5 Australian World Trial XC; 11 WXC (team bronze); 7 Dublin 10K; 1 Edinburgh 10K					

KIPTOO Jane KEN **25y** 309d 1982 - -
5000 pb: 15:19.71 -02. ht World Youth 400 99. At WXC: 2002-17 short
In 2008: 2 Kenyan North Rift XC; 1 Ivory-Vitry Half Mar; 7 Heillecourt 4.7K; 3 Puy-en-Velay 15K

KIROS Aheza ETH **26y** 79d 1982 - **31:20.66 -07**
5000 pb: 15:09.34 -06. 4 African Champs 10,000 2006; 18 WCH 10,000 2008. . Ran fourth stage (10K) for Ethiopian team which won 2005 Beijing Ekiden
In 2008: 1 East African XC; 3 Boston 5000

(Kwambai) KIPCHUMBA Irene KEN **29y** 231d 1978 - **30:55.67 -05**
Full name-Irène Kwambai Kipchumba ... second in 2004 African 10,000m & Kenyan Olympic Trial 10,000m but did not have qualifying standard for Athens
Half Mar pb: 69:52 -01. 3000 pb: 8:46.38 -03. 5 African Games 5000 2003; 5 World Military 5000 2003; 2 African 10,000 2004; 10 WCH 10,000 2005; 3 African Games 10,000 2007. At WXC: 2000-11 long, 2004-34 long, 2005-11 long. Lives-Chebiemit
In 2008: 3 Kenyan Armed Forces XC; 14 San Juan 10K; 2 Rabat Half Mar

MASAI Linet KEN **18y** 190d 1989 - -
Full name-Linet Chepkwemai Masai
2007 World Junior Cross Country Champion in the extreme heat of Mombasa, then third in senior race in Edinburgh 2008 though still a junior
5000 pb: 14:47.14 -08. At WXC: 2007-1J, 2008-3. Younger sister of 26:49.20 10,000m runner Moses Masai (2nd in 2007 Brussels 10,000).
Defeated World 1500m Champion Maryam Jamal over road 5K in Geneva on December 1, 2007
In 2008: 2 Edinburgh XC; 1 Le Mans XC; 1 Hannut XC; 2 Kenyan Police XC; 2 Kenyan XC; 3 WXC; 4 Hengelo 5000

MELKAMU Meselech ETH **23y** 55d 1985 - -
(Meselech pronounced "Messel-etch") ... three individual bronze medals at World Cross Country Championships
3000 pb: 8:34.73 -05. 1500 pb: 4:07.52 -07. 5000 pb: 14:33.83 -07. 4 WCH 5000 2005 (2007-6); 6 African Champs 5000 2006; 2 African Games 5000 2007; 2 WIC 3000 2008. At WXC: 2003-4J, 2004-1J, 2005-4 long & 6 short, 2006-3 short & long, 2007-3, 2008-9. 1 Great Ireland Run 2006. Father-Melkamu Haile Yesus was a marathon runner
In 2008: 2 WIC 3000; 9 WXC; 1 African Champs 5000 (beat Meseret Defar); 2 Hengelo 5000

MOMANYI Grace KEN **26y** 102d 1982 - -
Full name-Grace Kwamboka Momanyi
2008 Kenyan Cross Country Champion
10K pb: 31:25 -05. 5000 pb: 15:08.62 -08. Half Mar pb: 72:55 -05. 3 African Champs 5000 2008. At WXC: 2008-10. 1 Kenyan XC 2008. Best known as a road runner, has lived in Japan since 2006 where she represents the Daihatsu Corporation ... missed most of 2007 with a hip injury
In 2008: 1 Kenyan XC (surprise winner); 10 WXC; 1 Nakuru 5000; 1 Kenyan African Championship Trial 5000; 3 African Champs 5000; =1 Bangalore 10K; 3 Berlin 5000

PAPP Krisztina HUN **25y** 178d 1982 - **32:31.54 -06**
2003 European under-23 Champion at 10,000m ... 1500 pb: 4:10.95 -04. 3000 pb: 8:44.49 -06. 5000 pb: 15:08.65 -05. 10,000 pb: 32:31.54 -06. 4 EJC 3000 2001; ht WJC 1500 2000; 12 EIC 3000 2002; 1 under-23 ECH 10,000 2003 (4 5000); ht OLY 5000 2004; 3 ECP 10,000 2006; 8 ECH 5000 2006; 6 WCP 3000 2006; 20 World Half Mar 2007. At EXC: 99-55J, 2000-32J, 2001-30J, 2004-22, 2005-45. 1 Hungarian 1500 2006, 5000 2004/2005 & 10,000 2005/2006
In 2008: 1 Hungarian indoor 1500/3000; dnf ECP 10,000; 1 Belgrade 5000; 3 Zaragoza 3000

RODRÍGUEZ Dulce María MEX **35y** 302d 1972 **31:39.20** **31:25.33 -05**
5000 pb: 15:18.06 -04 (15:45.96 -08). Mar pb:2:28:54 -06 (2:33:23 -08). ht OLY 5000 2000/2004; 37 World Half Mar 2000; ht WCH 5000 2001; 1 Central American 1500/5000 2002; 5 Pan-Am Games 1500 2003. 2 Torreón 2001; 13 Osaka 2002; 1 Mexico City 2003; 24 WCH 10,000 2007. At WXC: 2000-53 long. 1 Mexican 1500 2002-2005
In 2008: 3 Boca del Rio Half Mar; 3 Veracruz Half Mar; 2 Torreón; 4 Berlin Half Mar; 13 Mt SAC Relays 5000; 10 Stanford 10,000; 2 Ixtapa 30K; 2 Torreón Marathon

VINOKUROVA Yuliya RUS **35y** 360d 1972 - **32:28.35 -07**
Mar pb: 2:33:57 -04 (2:38:42 -08). 5000 pb: 15:33.11 -07. 2 Russian indoor 3000SC 2002. 2 La Rochelle 2003; 1 Mainz 2004; 3 Essen 2005; 7 EIC 3000 2007; 3 Houston 2008. 4 Russian 5000 2007 (7 10,000)
In 2008: 3 Houston Marathon

ZEGERGISH Furtuna ERI **18/19y** 1989 **34:37.49 -06**
PACEMAKER ... Half Mar pb: 71:03 -07. 6 African Champs 10,000 2006; 21 World Half Mar 2007. At WXC: 2006-24J, 2007-8J, 2008-31
In 2008: 31 WXC

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Women's One Hour

17:00

World Record: 18,340m Tegla Loroupe KEN Borgholzhausen 7 Aug 98

	Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
BERESOVA Katarína SVK 5000 pb: 17:20.49 -07. 10,000 pb: 34:56.91 -07. 1 World Junior Mountain Running Trophy 2006; 10 under-23 ECH 10,000 2007. At EXC: 2006-64J. 1 Slovak 5000 2006/2007 In 2008: 1 Slovak indoor 3000	20y	246d	1987	-	-
DESKA Mamitu ETH PACEMAKER ... 1 Alicante Half Mar 2006 In 2008: 5 Heillecourt 4.7K; 2 Maroilles 20K	24y	240d	1983	-	-
FIRSOVA Olga CZE PACEMAKER ... 5 Breda Half Mar 2007 ... In 2008: 4 Prague 3000	25y	33d	1983	-	-
RADIYA ROBA Adilo ETH PACEMAKER	18y	264d	1989	-	-
SEKYROVÁ Ivana CZE Half Mar pb: 77:28 -07. 10,000 pb: 36:19.70 -07. 3000SC pb: 10:30.02 -08. Former 400m Hurdler (1 Czech 1994) In 2008: 10 Rovereto XC; 1 Pardubice Half Mar; 1 Sokolov 2000SC; 3 Chodov 5000; 4 Ostrava 5000 (May 31); 2 Prague 3000SC	36y	243d	1971	-	-
TESFAYE Firehiwot ETH PACEMAKER ... 1 Eindhoven Half Mar 2007 In 2008: 2 New York 5K; 7 US Champs 8K; 7 Charleston 10K; 2 US Champs 25K	24y	156d	1984	-	-
TUNE Dire ETH Twice Houston Marathon winner, winner at Boston 2008 by just two seconds from Alevtina Biktimirova Mar pb: 2:24:40 -08. 5000 pb: 15:47.83 -06. Half Mar pb: 71:11 -07. 4 Los Angeles 2005; 37 WCH 2005 (2007-dnf); 1 Paris 20K 2005; 4 World 20K 2006; 1 Hong Kong 2006; 1 Houston 2007/2008; 2 Nagano 2007; 1 Boston 2008. Coach-Anatoliy Bychkov (same as Elvan Abeylegesse) In 2008: 1 Houston Marathon (2:24:40); 4 San Juan 10K; 1 Boston Marathon (2:25:25 with 70:40 second half)	23y	25d	1985	-	-

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Women's 100 Metres Hurdles

18:45

2008 World Best: 12.47 Damu Cherry USA Fort-de-France 8 May 08

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	SKROBÁKOVÁ Lucie CZE (Formerly Martincová) ... 2001 European Junior bronze ... ht WJC 2000; 7 ECP 2001; 3 EJC 2001; ht WIC 2004; ht OLY 2004; ht WCH 2005; sf EIC 2005 (2002-ht); ht ECH 2006. 1 Czech 2001/2003/2004/2005. Coach-Jana Jílková In 2008: 1 Czech indoor; 4 European Clubs Cup ; 2 Belgrade 'B'; 1 Ostrava (May 31); 1 Prague (Jun 7)	26y	160d	1982	13.07	13.07 -05/08
2,	TRYWIANSKA Aurelia POL Fifth in 2003 World Championships ... 100 pb: 11.59 -03. 4 under-23 ECH 97; 5 WCH 2003 (2005-sf, 2007-ht); ht OLY 2004; 4 ECP 2005 (2002-6, 2004-5); sf WIC 2006; 5 ECH 2006 (2002-sf); 5 WCP 2006; 7 EIC 2007. 1 Polish under-23 100H 97; 1 Polish 2002/2003/2004/2005 ... studied political science and international relations at Universities of Iowa and Northern Arizona ... coach/husband-Korey Kollasch In 2008: 4 Ponce; 5 Belgrade; 4 Turin	32y	34d	1976	13.06	12.74 -03
3,	DAVIS Candice USA Surprise 2008 World Indoor silver ... 1 North & Central American & Caribbean 2007; 2 WIC 2008. 2 US indoor 2008; 2 NCAA 2007. Student of Political Science at the University of Southern California In 2008: 2 US indoor; 2 WIC; 3 Mt SAC Relays 100; 1 Penn Relays; 3 Kingston; 1 Modesto; 2 Carson; 3 Belgrade; 1 Turin	22y	230d	1985	12.71	12.71 -08
4,	JONES Lolo USA 2008 World Indoor Champion ... twice US Indoor Champion ... 100 pb: 11.26 -06. 1 North & Central American under-23 2004; 6 WCH 2007; 1 WIC 2007. 1 US indoor 2007/2008; 1 NCAA indoor 2003 (2004-2). Her actual first names is Lori ... graduated in Spanish & Economics from Louisiana State University ... her first sport was basketball ... she can play the cello ... coach-Dennis Shaver In 2008: 1 US indoor; 1 WIC; 1 Baton Rouge; 1 Drake Relays; 2 Doha; 1 Hengelo; 1 Belgrade; 3 Berlin; 2 Oslo Golden League	25y	312d	1982	12.57	12.56 -06
5,	TEJEDA Anay CUB 2008 World indoor bronze ... 1 Central American & Caribbean 2002/2006; 1 WJC 2002 (2000-7); ht OLY 2004; sf WCH 2005/2007; 5 WSG 2005; 5 Pan-Am Games 2007 (2003-8); 3 WIC 2008 (2006-sf). 1 Cuban 2002-2006 In 2008: 3 WIC; 2 Turin; 4 Moscow	25y	71d	1983	12.88	12.72 -06
6,	WELLS Kellie USA 3 US indoor 2008 In 2008: 1 Coral Gables 100 'B'; 2 Greensboro; 2 Baie Mahault; 3 Fort-de-France; 3 Hengelo; 4 Belgrade; 5 Berlin; 7 Oslo Golden League; 2 Moscow	25y	332d	1982	12.71	12.71 -08
7,	O'ROURKE Derval IRL 2006 World Indoor Champion ... shared 2006 European silver with Kirsten Bolm 100 pb: 11.54 -05. sf WJC 2000; 4 under-23 ECH 2003 (2001-7); ht OLY 2004; sf EIC 2005 (2002-ht); sf WCH 2005/2007 (2003-ht); 1 WIC 2006 (2003-sf); =2 ECH 2006. 1 Irish indoor 99-2006; 1 Irish 2001/2002/2004/2005/2006. Former gymnast & hockey player ... coaches-Sean Cahill & Jim Kilty In 2008: 3 Kassel	27y	16d	1981	12.99	12.72 -06
8,	SCERBOVÁ Denisa CZE 2004 World Junior Long Jump Champion ... 2007 European indoor bronze Hep pb: 6053 -08. LJ pb: 6.68 -04 (6.59i -08). 2 World Youth LJ 2003 (2001-10); dnq WIC LJ 2004/2008; 1 WJC LJ 2004; dnq OLY LJ 2004; dnq EIC LJ 2005; 1 EJC LJ 2005 (2003-4); dnf ECH Heptathlon 2006; 3 EIC LJ 2007; 2 under-23 ECH LJ 2007; dnq WCH LJ 2007; ht WIC 60H 2008. 1 Czech LJ 2004/2007 & Czech indoor LJ 2004/2005. Coach-Ales Duda ... partner-2.36 high jumper Jaroslav Baba ... 1.75/58kg In 2008: 4 WIC 4x400 (ht 60H, dnq LJ); 19 Götzis Heptathlon	21y	296d	1986	13.49	13.49 -08

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Women's 400 Metres Hurdles

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2008 World Best: 53.99 Lashinda Demus USA Fort-de-France 8 May 08

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	IVANOVA Natalya RUS 400 pb: 50.79 -04. 200 pb: 23.26 -04. 5 WJC 400 2000; 4 EIC 400 2002; 5 ECH 400H 2006 (1 4x400). Ran in 2004 Olympic 4x400m heat, so awarded silver medal won by Russia in final In 2008: 4 Kalamata; 4 Turin; 6 Moscow Open	26y	353d	1981	57.18	54.36 -07
2,	JABIR ADAM Muna SUD 2007 African Games Champion at 400m Hurdles, also a useful Heptathlete Hep pb: 4977 -06. 400 pb: 53.09 -07. 6 World Youth 400 2003; sf WJC 400 2004; 1 Arab 400H/Heptathlon 2005/2007; 2 African Champs Hep 2005; 4 WJC 400H 2006; 1 African Games 400H 2007; sf WCH 400H 2007 In 2008: 3 Algiers 400H; 5 Turin 400H	21y	158d	1987	57.77	54.93 -07
3,	SPENCE Christine USA Down from 56.12 to 54.21 already in 208 ... HJ pb: 1.88 -06. Heptathlon pb: 5337 -05. 7 NCAA 2004/2005. Studied Sociology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas In 2008: 1 Coral Gables 400 (Mar 22); 1 Florida Relays; 4 Coral Gables 400 (Apr 12); 1 Greensboro; 1 Fairfax; 2 Fort-de-France; 2 Dakar; 1 Kalamata; 2 Turin; 4 Moscow Open	26y	200d	1981	54.21	54.21 -08
4,	JESIEN Anna POL (Jesein pronounced "Yeshen") ... (Née Olichwierczuk) ... 2007 World bronze ... Polish record holder 400 pb: 51.92 -06. ht OLY 2000/2004; 3 ECH 400/4x400 2002; 1 ECP 2005 (99-7, 2002-2, 2006-5); 6 ECH 2006 (3 4x400); 3 WCP 2006; 3 WCH 2007 (2001-sf, 2003-ht, 2005-4). 1 Polish 99/2000/2002/2005 (1 400 2006). "Jesien" means "autumn" in Polish ... coach/husband Pawel Jesien and 51.08 for 400m hurdles in 2000 In 2008: 1 Rehlingen; 3 Turin; 3 Moscow Open	29y	185d	1978	55.23	53.86 -07
5,	HEJNOVÁ Zuzana CZE Czech record holder at 400m Hurdles ... 2003 World Youth Champion ... 2005 European Junior Champion 400H pb: 55.04 -07. 100H pb: 13.81 -07. 1 World Youth 2003; 2 WJC 2004 (2002-5); 1 EJC 2005 (2003-3); sf WCH 2005/2007; sf ECH 2006; 3 under-23 ECH 2007. 1 Czech 400 flat outdoors 2006 & indoors 2008	21y	176d	1986	56.44	55.04 -07
6,	WALKER Melaine JAM <u>MEL</u> AINE not MELANIE Medals at three successive World Junior Championships 400 pb: 51.61 -08. 100H pb: 12.75 -06. 5 WJC 200 98 (3 4x100); 2 World Youth 200 99; 3 WJC 2000 (2 4x400); 2 WJC 2002 (5 100H, 3 4x400); 4 COM 2002; 3 Central American & Caribbean Games 2006; sf WCH 2007. In 2006 initially won NCAA title in 53.84 but dq for a trailing leg violation ... graduate of Social Work from University of Texas ... managed by Juliet Campbell (ex World Indoor Champion at 200m) In 2008: 2 Sydney; 3 Kingston 400 (Mar 22); 1 Rio de Janeiro; 1 Belém	25y	104d	1983	54.18	54.14 -07
7,	TILGNER Jonna GER 3 WSG 2007 ... In 2008: 1 Jena; 1 Kassel; 1 Regensburg 400/400H	23y	206d	1984	56.12	55.96 -07
8,	CAREY Michelle IRL 6x Irish Champion ... 400 pb: 52.67 -06. ht under-23 ECH 2003; ht WSG 2003; ht ECH 2006; ht WCH 2007. 1 AAA under-23 2002/2003. 1 Irish 2001/2002/2003/2004/2005/2007 (99-2). 1 British Universities 2004 ... coach-Nick Dakin In 2008: 1 Canberra; 2 Inter-Varsity indoor; 1 Westwood; 3 Mt SAC Relays; 2 Loughborough "international"; 2 Geneva 'B'; 7 Turin	27y	113d	1981	56.19	56.19 -08

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Women's High Jump

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2008 World Best: 2.04 Blanka Vlasic CRO Oslo 6 Jun 08

			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	STEPANIUK Kamila	POL	22y	83d	1986	1.91	1.91 -08
	7 EJC 2005; 5 under-23 ECH 2007. 1 Polish indoor 2008 ... 1.91 tall In 2008: 6 European Indoor Cup; 1 Polish indoor; =5 Königs Wusterhausen; 1 Kaunas						
2,	SHKOLINA Svetlana	RUS	22y	96d	1986	1.93	1.96 -07
	2007 European Under-23 Champion ... 2 WJC 2004; 1 EJC 2005; 4 WSG 2005/2007; 1 under-23 ECH 2007. 1 Russian under-23 2007 In 2008: 4 Russian indoor; 2 Tallinn; 1 Moscow Open						
3,	DUBNOVA Romana	CZE	29y	221d	1978	1.92	1.96 -05
	dnq ECH 2006; dnq EIC 2007; dnq WCH 2007. 1 Czech 2007 ... 1.80 tall In 2008: 2 Czech indoor; 6 Doha; 5 Hengelo; 12 Berlin; 2 Turin						
4,	FORRESTER Nicole	CAN	31y	207d	1976	1.93	1.97 -07
	2002 Commonwealth Games bronze ... 2001 World Student Games silver ... 5x Canadian Champion 4 Pan-Am Games 99 (2003-8); dnq WCH 99/2007; 2 WSG 2001; 3 COM 2002 (98-6, 2006-nh); 5 WCP 2006; 2 Pan-Am Games 2007. 1 Canadian 98/99/2002/2006/2007. Studying for a doctorate in Sports Psychology at Michigan ... born-Toronto ... coach-James Henry ... 1.91 tall (6-3), she has a 38-inch inside leg In 2008: dnq WIC; 4 Doha; 1 Hengelo; 1 Königs Wusterhausen; 11 Berlin; 8 Oslo Golden League						
5,	STRAKOVÁ Iva	CZE	27y	312d	1980	1.95	1.95 -07/08
	2005 World finalist ... 8 ECP 2001; dnq ECH 2002/2006; dnq OLY 2004; 7 EIC 2005; 11 WCH 2005 (2003/2007-dnq); =8 WIC 2008 (2003/2006-dnq). 1 Czech indoor 2003/2005/2008 (1 outdoor 2005) ... 1.87 tall In 2008: 1 Czech indoor; =8 WIC; 1 Ostrava (May 31); 9 Oslo Golden League						
6,	GREEN Emma	SWE	23y	186d	1984	1.93	1.97 -05
	(Green pronounced "Grehn") ... 2005 World bronze at high jump ... 1.98i -08. TJ pb: 13.69i -06. LJ pb: 6.41 -05. 200 pb: 23.02 -06. 1 European Youth HJ 2001; 9 WJC HJ 2002; 3 EJC HJ 2003; 8 EIC HJ 2005; 2 under-23 ECH HJ 2005; 3 WCH HJ 2005 (2007-7=); dnq WIC HJ 2006; 11 ECH HJ 2006; dnq EIC HJ 2007; dnq WIC HJ 2008. 1 Swedish 2005. Uncle-Göte Green was a national class 400m-runner (47.9) in the 1970s ... coach-Yannick Tregaro (same as Christian Olsson) ... 1.80 tall In 2008: 1 Swedish indoor; dnq WIC; 10 Berlin						
7,	SAVCHENKO Yekaterina	RUS	31y	10d	1977	1.90	2.00 -07
	(Née Aleksandrova) ... twice Russian Champion ... in Osaka 2007 became the first woman to jump 2.00 and place as low as fifth 2.01i -08. =7 WJC 94; 7 EJC 95; 5 WSG 99; 6 EIC 2005; 4 WIC 2006; 7 ECH 2006; 5 WCH 2007 (2001-dnq). 1 Russian 2001/2006 ... coach/husband-Yevgeniy Savchenko ... 1.81 tall In 2008: 2 Russian indoor; 7 WIC; 4 Moscow Open						
8,	VLASIC Blanka	CRO	24y	217d	1983	2.04	2.07 -07
	2007 World Champion ... winner of 18/19 competitions outdoors in 2007 including 5/6 Golden Leagues and 17 at 2m or better 8 World Youth 99; dnq OLY 2000; 1 WJC 2000; 7 EJC 2001; 1 Mediterranean Games 2001; 1 WJC 2002; 1 under-23 ECH 2003; 11 OLY 2004; 2 WIC 2006 (2003-4, 2004-3); 4 ECH 2006 (2002-5=); 4 EIC 2007 (2002-dnq); 1 WCH 2007 (2001-6, 2003-7, 2005-dnq). Coached by her father Josjo (whose best HJ was 2.03) and Bojan Marinovic ... she was named Blanka after the city of Casablanca, the venue of her father's victory in the Mediterranean Games Decathlon of 1983 ... three younger brothers, the youngest being Nikola (10) who is a footballing prodigy ... 1.93 tall In 2008: 1 Gothenburg indoor (2.01); 1 Arnstadt indoor (2.03); 1 Banská Bystrica indoor (2.04); 1 Karlsruhe indoor (2.02); 1 Split indoor (2.01); 1 Weinheim HJ indoor (2.05); 1 WIC (2.03); 1 Doha (2.03); 1 Split (2.01); 1 Berlin (2.03); 1 Oslo (2.04)						

Her 2.04 in Oslo on June 6, 2008 was her 26th win in succession; her last defeat was in Oslo (to Yelena Slesarenko) on June 15, 2007 – so almost one year unbeaten

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Women's Javelin Throw

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2008 World Best: 69.15 Barbara Spotáková CZE Zaragoza 31 May 08

Reigning Olympic, World, European and Commonwealth Champions in this field

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	VILJOEN Sunette RSA	25y	158d	1983	62.24	62.24 -08
2006 Commonwealth Games Champion ... dnq WCH 2003; 3 African Games 2003/2007; 1 Afro-Asian Games 2003; 1 African Champs 2004/2008; dnq OLY 2004; 12 WSG 2005; 1 COM 2006; 5 WSG 2007. 1 South African 2003/2004/2006 ... former cricketer ... son Hervé (2), she failed a doping control test in April 2005 because of high hormone levels, but this was because she was pregnant at the time, something she didn't know when she took the test... coach-Tertius Liebenberg ... 1.68/63kg In 2008: 1 Potchefstroom; 2 Germiston; 1 Potchefstroom; 1 Pretoria; 4 South African; 1 South African Universities; 1 African Champs; 4 Halle; 8 Kassel						
2,	KLIMESOVÁ Jarmila CZE	27y	124d	1981	61.02	62.60 -06
2000 World Junior Champion ... 2003 European under-23 Champion ... 4 EJC 99; 1 WJC 2000 (98-dnq); 1 under-23 ECH 2003 (2001-6); dnq WCH 2003; dnq WCH 2005; dnq ECH 2006 ... 1.72/78kg In 2008: 1 Olomouc; 2 Turnov; 3 European Clubs Cup ; 1 Ostrava (May 31); 1 Kalamata						
3,	MENÉNDEZ Osleidys CUB	28y	211d	1979	61.90	71.70 -05
2004 Olympic Champion with a record winning margin (5.71) ... 2005 World Champion with world record 1 WJC 96/98; 1 Pan-Am junior 97; 1 Central American 97 (98-2); 1 Pan-Am 99/2007 (2003-3); 1 WCH 2001/2005 (97-7, 99-4, 2003-5); 1 WSG 2001; 1 WCP 2002; 1 OLY 2004 (2000-3). 1 Cuban 97/99-2006 ... coach-Dionisio Quintana ... 1.79/80kg In 2008: 4 Havana; 2 Uberlândia; 1 Fortaleza; 1 Havana; 1 Turin						
4,	BREJCHOVÁ Nikola CZE	33y	353d	1974	-	65.91 -04
(Née Tomecková) ... fourth in 2001 & 2007 World Championships ... fourth in 2004 Olympics (went from 2nd to 4th in last round) Old Spec pb: 64.50 -95. 2 EJC 91; dnq ECH 98/2002; 1 ECP 2001 (98-2, 99-5); 2 WSG 2001; 4 WCH 2001/2007 (93/95/97-dnq); 4 OLY 2004 (96-dnq, 2000-8). 1 Czech 93-2002/2004 (11x) ... maternity in 2003, though sadly she suffered a miscarriage ... 1.80/80kg						
5,	SAYERS Goldie GBR	25y	332d	1982	63.96	65.05 -07
British record holder ... 2005 World finalist ... 5 World Youth 99; 6 WJC 2000 (98-dnq); 2 EJC 2001; 6 COM 2002 (2006-7); 11 under-23 ECH 2003; 7 ECP 2003/2004/2006; 12 WCH 2005 (2007-dnq); 4 WSG 2005 (2003-5); 12 ECH 2006. 1 AAA under-17 97; 1 AAA junior 2000/2001; 1 AAA under-23 2002/2003/2004; 1 AAA 2003/2004/2005/2006. Coach-Mark Roberson (since September 2006) ... her late father Pete Sayers was a noted country music singer ... 1.72/70kg In 2008: 3 Potchefstroom; 1 European Throws Cup; 1 Kassel (beat Obergföll & Nerius)						
6,	NERIUS Steffi GER	35y	346d	1972	62.33	66.52 -05
Ex-GDR ... 2006 European gold ... 2004 Olympic silver (threw a then personal best in the last round to go from 4th to 2nd) ... bronze at last three World Championships Old Spec pb: 69.42 -96. 3 EJC 91; 1 ECP 95/2003/2005 (2000/2002/2004-3); 4 WSG 99 (97-5); 3 WCH 2003/2005/2007 (93-9, 95-11, 99-dnq, 2001-5); 2 OLY 2004 (96-9, 2000-4); 1 ECH 2006 (98-6, 2002-2); 1 WCP 2006 (2002-4). 1 German 2001/2003/2004/2005. Had the world's longest throw in 1996 ... former GDR youth Volleyball Champion-parents are both Volleyball coaches ... 1.78/72kg In 2008: 3 Kassel						
7,	OBBERGFÖLL Christina GER	26y	295d	1981	63.86	70.20 -07
Twice world silver medalist ... European record holder, made astonishing breakthrough from 64.59 to 70.03 in 2005, then 70.20 at 2007 European Cup 8 WJC 2000; 8 under-23 ECH 2003 (2001-9); 8 WSG 2003; dnq OLY 2004; 2 WCH 2005/2007; 4 ECH 2006; 1 ECP 2007. Boyfriend is javelin thrower Christian Nicolay ... coach-Werner Daniels ... 1.75/71kg In 2008: 1 Halle; 2 Kassel						
8,	SPOTÁKOVÁ Barbora CZE	26y	348d	1981	69.15	69.15 -08
2007 World Champion ... Hep pb: 5873 -00. 4 WJC Heptathlon 2000; 6 under-23 ECH 2003; dnf OLY 2004; 1 WSG 2005 (2003-4); 2 ECH 2006 (2002-dnq); 1 WCH 2007 (2005-dnq). 1 Czech 2003/2005/2006/2007 ... 1.82/80kg In 2008: 7 Czech indoor 60H; 1 Turnov; 1 Zaragoza (improved her Czech record to 69.15)						