

# Weltklasse Zurich 2009 • Biographical Summaries • Men

## Men's 400 Metres

21:00

Golden League Event



2009 World Best:	44.06	LaShawn Merritt USA	Berlin	21 Aug 09
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		Age (Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	<b>WROE Sean</b> AUS	24y	163d 1985	45.07	45.07 -09
	Anchored Australian to World Championship 4x400m bronze in 2009 ... 200 pb: 20.97 -09. 100 pb: 10.50 -09. 6 WJC 2004; sf COM 2006 (gold 4x400 after running in heats); 2 WSG 2007; sf WCH 2007; 6 WIC 2008; sf OLY 2008; sf WCH 2009 (3 4x400). 1 Australian 2007/2009. Born/lives-Melbourne ... coach-Eric Hollingsworth In 2009: 1 Hobart 200 (5 100); 1 Australian Cup; 2 Victoria State 200; 1 Sydney; 1 Melbourne; 1 Australian (6 200, ht 100); 3 Osaka; 1 Gold Coast 100/200; 3 Lille; 4 Oslo Golden League; 8sf World Student Games 100/200 (1 4x400); 4 London; 5 Stockholm; 4sf WCH (3 4x400)				
2,	<b>GILLICK David</b> IRL	26y	50d 1983	44.77	44.77 -09
	Sixth at 2009 World Championships ... Twice European Indoor Champion ... Irish record holder ht under-23 ECH 2003; ht WCH 4x400 2003; 3 WIC 4x400 2004; 1 EIC 2005/2007 (2009-sf after falling); ht WIC 2006; sf ECH 2006; ht OLY 2008; 6 WCH 2009 (20070sf). 1 AAA indoor 2005. 1 Irish 2006/2007. From Ballinteer, near Dublin former Gaelic Football player ... based-Loughborough ... coach-Nick Dakin In 2009: 6sf EIC (fell); 1 Westwood 200; 1 Mt. SAC Relays; 2 Loughborough "International" 200 'B'; 1 Geneva; 1 Thessaloníki; 1 Milan; 1 Madrid (his Irish record down from 45.12 to 44.77); 2 Rome Golden League; 2 Barcelona; 3 Monaco; 6 WCH				
3,	<b>MERRITT Lashawn</b> USA	23y	62d 1986	44.06	43.75 -08
	2008 Olympic Champion ... 2009 World Champion with 44.06 in poor conditions 200 pb: 19.80w -08, 19.98 -07 (20.07 -09). 1 WJC 400 & relays 2004; 1 WIC 4x400 2006 (dq individual ht); 1 WCP 2006; 2 WCH 2007 (1 4x400); 1 OLY 400/4x400 2008. 1 US 2008/2009. Ran in heats of 2005 World 4x400, so awarded gold won by USA in final. 1 US junior 200/400 2004. His first sport was baseball ... improved from 47 to 45.25 in 2004, then a world age-18 best of 44.66 in 2005 ... studied Sports Management at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia ... he can play the trumpet, baritone horn, and tuba ... dedicates each race to his late brother, Antwan ... coach-Dwayne Miller In 2009: 1 Baie Mahault; 1 Carson 200; 1 New York; 1 Eugene 300 (31.30, a sea-level world best); 1 Toronto; 1 US Champs; 2 Lausanne 200; 1 Athens; 3 Réthymno 200; 1 Monaco; 1 WCH 400/4x400				
	Unbeaten at 400m since losing to Jeremy Wariner in Zurich on August 29, 2008 (nine successive wins since then, or 13 including heats)				
4,	<b>QUOW Rennie</b> TRI	22y	3d 1987	44.53	44.53 -09
	2009 World bronze coming from behind .. 2008 Olympic finalist ... 2006 World Junior Champion 1 Central American & Caribbean junior 2004/2006; 1 WJC 2006 (2004-dq sf); sf Pan-Am Games 2007; ht WCH 2007; 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs 2008; 7 OLY 2008; 3 WCH 2009. He is a Tobagonian (from Tobago rather than Trinidad) ... keen table-tennis player ... based-Fort Lauderdale ... coach-Wayne Lewis ... 1.69 tall (5-6) In 2009: 2 Waco; 1 Kingston; 3 Carson; 2 New York; 6 Eugene 300; 1 Trinidad; 1 Oslo Golden League; 3 Rome Golden League; 3 WCH (Last at halfway, seventh to third in homestraight)				
5,	<b>WARINER Jeremy</b> USA	25y	209d 1984	44.60	43.45 -07
	Two golds each from Athens 2004, Helsinki 2005 & Osaka 2007 but 'only' individual silver & relay gold in Beijing 2008 & Berlin 2009 200 pb: 20.19 -06. 2 Pan-Am Junior 400 2003; 1 OLY 400/4x400 2004; 1 WCH 400/4x400 2005/2007; 2 OLY 2008 (1 4x400); 2 WCH 2009 (1 4x400). 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 ... has two dogs Heidi (St Bernard) & Lady (German Shepherd/Pyrenean Mountain mix) ... from May 2009 he is coached again by Clyde Hart , in 2008 it was Michael Ford who remains an advisor In 2009: 1 Waco 200 (Mar 21); 1 Arlington 200; 2 Waco 200 (Apr 18); 1 Drake Relays; 1 Osaka; 1 Carson; 4 New York 200; 8sf US Champs 200; 1 Lignano; 1 Paris Golden League; 1 Stockholm; 2 WCH ( 1 4x400 with 43.7 split, easily the fastest leg of the race)				
6,	<b>BROWN Chris</b> BAH	30y	317d 1978	44.81	44.40 -08
	Fourth-fourth-fifth at the last three World Championships ... ht COM 800 98; qf OLY 2000 (3 4x400); 1 WCH 4x400 2001 (2003-3, 2005/2007 -2); 7 COM 2002 (3 4x400); f OLY 2004 (would have qualified for final but eased off before the finish line); 4 WCH 2005/2007 (2001-ht, 2003-sf, 2009-5); 3 WIC 2006/2008 (2003-sf); 4 COM 2006; 1 Pan-Am Games 2007; 4 OLY 2008 (2 4x400). 1 Bahamas 2002/2004/2007/2008/2009 ... Bahamas record holder at 400m & 800m (1:49.54 -98) ... his parents Nola & Harcourt were both sprinters ... coach-Innocent Egbunike ... 1.78 tall In 2009: 2 Carson; 3 New York; 1 Berlin Golden League; 1 Bahamas; 1 Rome Golden League; 1 Tangiers; 5 WCH				
7,	<b>CLEMENT Kerron</b> USA	23y	301d 1985	45.08	44.48 -07
	Two World Champion at 400m Hurdles ... 2008 Olympic silver ... 400H pb: 47;24 -05 (47.61 -09). 1 WJC 400/4x400 2004; 1 WCH 400H 2007/2009 (2004-4); 2 OLY 400H 2008 (ran in heat of 4x400, so awarded gold won by USA in final). 1 US 400H 2005/2006. 1 NCAA 400H 2004/2005. Broke Michael Johnson's world indoor record at 400m with 44.57 in 2005. Born and grew up in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, moved to Texas in 1998 ... began as a cross country runner ... ideal stride pattern: 13 all the way ... coach-Bobby Kersee In 2009: 5 Kingston 400H; 1 Osaka; 1 Carson 400H; 6 New York 400; 3 Eugene 400H; 3 US Champs 400; 2 Lausanne 400H; 1 Rome Golden League 400H; 1 London 400H; 6 Monaco 400H; 3 Stockholm 400; 1 WCH 400H/4x400				
8,	<b>TAYLOR Angelo</b> USA	30y	242d 1978	45.15	44.05 -07
	Two Olympic golds, but he's STILL never reached a World Championship final at 400m Hurdles 400H pb: 47.25 -08 (48.30 -09). 3 WJC 400H 96; sf WCH 400H 99/2001 (2009-ht); 1 OLY 400H 2000/2008 (2004-sf); 3 WCH 400 2007 (1 4x400); 1 OLY 4x400 2008; ht WCH 400H 2009 (1 4x400). 1 NCAA 400H 98; 1 US 400H 99/2000/2001 & flat 400 2002/2007. 1 US indoor 400 99. Overall IAAF Grand Prix Champion 2000. Father of two twin boys (Xavier & Isaiah) ... coach-Innocent Egbunike In 2009: 1 Baie Mahault 400H; 2 Carson 400H; 5 New York 400H; 4 Eugene 400H; 3 US Champs 400H; 5 Réthymno 400H; 2 London 400; 1 WCH 4x400 (ht 4x00H)				