

# Weltklasse Zurich 2009 • Biographical Summaries • Men

## Men's 800 Metres

20:15



2009 World Best: 1:43.09 Abubaker Kaki SUD Doha 8 May 09  
 Fastest this decade: 1:42.32 Wilson Kipketer DEN Rieti 8 Sep 02

The Kenyan 800m record of 1:42.28 by Sammy Koskei was 25 years old on Tuesday

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	<b>LEWANDOWSKI Marcin</b> POL	22y	76d	1987	1:43.84	1:43.84 -09
	2009 European under-23 silver at 800m behind his compatriot Adam Kszczot 1500 pb: 3:42.86 -06 (3:44.39 -09). 7 EJC 1500 2005; 4 WJC 2006; 8 WSG 2007; 2 ECP 2008; sf OLY 2008; 6 EIC 2009; 8 WCH 2009. At WXC: 2006-90 short. 1 Polish 1500 2008 In 2009: 6 EIC; 1 Pliezhausen; 5 Hengelo; 3 Warsaw; 1 Bydgoszcz; 6 ETCh 1500; 5 Madrid; 3 Lausanne; 2 under-23 ECH; 4 Monaco (down from 1:45 to 1:43); 3ht Polish 400; 8 WCH (he was advanced to the final after having been tripped up in the semi-finals)					
2,	<b>SYMMONDS Nick</b> USA	25y	241d	1983	1:43.83	1:43.83 -09
	2008 US Champion at 800m ... 1500 pb: 3:40.91 -06. 6 WIC 2008; sf OLY 2008; 6 WCH 2009 (2007-sf). 1 US 2008/2009 & Indoor 2007. He can speak Spanish ... graduate of biochemistry from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon .. coach-Frank Gagliano In 2009: 1 Beaverton; 1 US Champs; 4 Lucerne; 3 London; 3 Monaco; 6 WCH					
3a,	<b>SOM Bram</b> NED	29y	189d	1980	1:44.12	1:43.45 -06
	2006 European Champion ... effectively won the 2006 World Cup for Europe with his unexpected second place which came in closing stages of the tournament 5 WJC 98; 3 EJC 99; ht OLY 2000; sf WCH 2001/2003 (2007-ht); 5 WIC 2003; 1 ECH 2006 (2002-6); 2 WCP 2006; 7 WCH 2009 (2007-ht) 1 Dutch 2000/2001/2003/2004/2006/2009. Born-Terborg ... Sergeant in Dutch Army ... coach-Honoré Hoedt ... his older sister Kim ran 59.27 for 400m hurdles in 1999 In 2009: 1 Apeldoorn; 1 Lisse 1000; 1 Drachten 1500; 3 Rabat; 4 Hengelo; 1 International Military Champs; 5 Monaco; 1 Dutch; 7 WCH (he was advanced to the final after having been tripped up in the semi-finals)					
3b,	<b>REED Gary</b> CAN	27y	307d	1981	1:43.95	1:43.68 -08
	2007 World silver (0.01 behind gold) ... Canadian record holder ... 400 pb: 46.45 -06 (47.53 -09). ht WCH 4x400 2001/2003; ht COM 2006; 4 WCP 2006; 2 WCH 2007 (2003-ht, 2005-8, 2009-sf); 4 OLY 2008 (2004-sf). 1 Canadian 2003/2004/2005/2008/2009. Started as a triple jumper, then a decathlete ... he had the quickest last 100m in the 2008 Olympic 800m final, but from too far back to gain a medal ... coach-Wynn Gmitroski ... father-American, mother-Canadian ... born-Texas, lives-Kamloops, BC In 2009: 3 Victoria 400; 1 Vancouver; 1 Canadian; 4 Lausanne; 3 Athens; 1 London; 6 Monaco; 4sf WCH					
4,	<b>MULAUDZI Mbulaeni</b> RSA	28y	353d	1980	1:44.81	1:42.89 -03
	2009 World Champion front he front ... 1500 pb: 3:38.55 -09. 400 pb: 46.3 -07. 2 African Champs 2000 (2002-3, 2006-6); 1 COM 2002 (4 4x400); 2 African Games 2003; 1 WIC 2004 (2006/2008-2); 2 OLY 2004 (2008-sf); 1 WCH 2009 (2001-6, 2003-3, 2005-sf, 2007-7). 1 South African 2001/2002/2003/2007/2008/2009. 1 African Junior 1999 ... Studies Sports Management & Marketing at Vaal University of Technology in Johannesburg ... superstition-likes to have a bib starting with the number 1 ... coach-JP van der Merwe In 2009: 3 Durban 1500; 2 Port Elizabeth; 2 Stellenbosch 1500; 1 Germiston; 1 South African; 1 Madrid; 2 Lausanne; 4 Rome Golden League; 1 WCH					
5,	<b>KIRWA YEGO Alfred</b> KEN	22y	273d	1986	1:45.22	1:43.89 -06
	Gold in Osaka 2007, silver inn Berlin 2009, bronze in Beijing 2008 1500 pb: 3:33.69 -09. 2 WJC 2004; 3 African Champs 2006; 1 WCH 2007 (2005-ht, 2009-2); 3 OLY 2008. In 2007 he won only three of his 15 races: these were the heat, semi and final at the World Championships ... coach-Claudio Berradeli (same as Janeth Jepkosgei) In 2009: 5 Doha 1500; 2 Eugene; 6 Ostrava; 5 Lausanne; 1 Rome Golden League; 2 Kenyan World Trials; 2 WCH					
6,	<b>BORZAKOVSKIY Yuriy</b> RUS	28y	138d	1981	1:43.58	1:42.47 -01
	Former Olympic Champion ... 1500 pb: 3:40.28 -05 (3:43.03 -09). 1 World Youth Games 98; 1 ECP 99/2002 (3 1500 2004); 1 EJC 99; 1 EIC 2000/2009; 1 WIC 2001 (2006-3); sf ECH 400 2002 (2 4x400); 2 WCH 2003/2005 (2007-3, 2009-4); 1 OLY 2004 (2000-6, 2008-sf). 1 Russian indoor 800 99/2001, 1500 2006 & outdoor 2004. Son-Yaroslav born May 14, 2002 In 2009: 1 EIC; 6 Eugene; 3 Moscow City Champs 1500; 1 Moscow Open; 1 Oslo Golden League; 1 Zhukovskiy; 1 Russian; 2 Monaco; 2 Stockholm; 4 WCH					
7a,	<b>AL-SALHI Mohammed</b> KSA	23y	109d	1986	1:43.66	1:43.66 -09
	2007 World finalist ... 2003 World Youth Champion ... 2007 Asian Champion ... Saudi Arabian record holder 400 pb: 45.75 -03 (47.21 -09). sf Asian Games 400 2002; 1 World Youth 2003; 1 Asian junior 400 2004; 6 Asian Games 2006; 1 Asian Champs 2007 (2005-4); 8 WCH 2007 (2003/2005-sf, 2008-ht); 1 World Military Games 2007; 2 Pan Arab 2007; sf OLY 2008 (2004-ht) In 2009: 1 Qatif 400/800; 1 Makkah; 3 Doha; 1 Arab Police; 2 Rabat; 1 Casablanca; 2 Oslo Golden League; 6 Lausanne; 2 Rome Golden League; 1 Lappeenranta; 4ht WCH					
7b,	<b>RUDISHA David</b> KEN	20y	253d	1988	1:43.53	1:43.53 -09
	2006 World Junior Champion ... 2008 African Champion ... regarded as world #1 on merit in 2007 when he won 13/14 races 400 pb: 46.2 -07. 1 WJC 2006 (4 4x400); 1 African junior 2007; 1 African Champs 2008; sf WCH 2009. His father Daniel Rudisha anchored Kenya to silver medals in the 1968 Olympic 4x400m (with a 44.0 split) In 2009: 4 Doha; 3 Hengelo; 1 Ostrava; 1 Kenyan; 1 Kenyan World Trials; 3sf WCH					
8,	<b>ROBINSON Khadevis</b> USA	33y	39d	1976	1:44.47	1:43.68 -06
	PACEMAKER – 49.5 to 400m, 1:16/17 to 600m ("KD") ... 4x World Championship semi-finalist ... 4x US Champion outdoors, three times indoors 400 pb: 46.55 -98. sf WIC 99/2006/2008 (2003-ht) sf WCH 2003/2005/2007/2009 (99/2001-ht); ht OLY 2004; 6 WCP 2006. 1 US 99/2005/2006/2007 (1 indoor 2006/2008/2009); 1 NCAA 98 ... coach-Frank Little ... lives-Santa Monica, California; studied public administration at Cal State University in Los Angeles ...1.86 tall In 2009: 1 US indoor; 1 Kingston; 1 New York; 5 Eugene; 1 Toronto; 2 US Champs; 1 Santa Monica; 3 Paris Golden League; 6 London; 8 Monaco; 5sf WCH					