

Weltklasse Zurich 2009 • Biographical Summaries • Men

Men's 1500 Metres

21:20



2009 World Best:	3:29.47	Augustine Choge KEN	Berlin	14 Jun 09
No-one under 3:30 in Zurich since Lagat v El Guerrouj in 2004				

			Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	LANCASHIRE Tom	GBR	24y	57d	1985	3:34.29	3:34.29 -09
	2003 European Junior silver medallist at 1500m ... twice English Schools Champion 800 pb: 1:45.76 -06 (1:47.28 -09). Mile pb: 3:55.19 -09. 5000 pb: 13:34.44 -09. 2 EJC 1500 2003; 6 WJC 1500 2004; 4 ECP 1500 2008; ht OLY 1500 2008; ht WCH 1500 2009. 1 English Schools 1500 2002/2003. 1 AAA junior 1500 2004; 1 UK Champs 1500 2008. At WXC: 2003 -76J. At EXC: 2007-19u23 (team gold). Studied exercise science at Florida State University (graduated December 2008), now based in Bolton ... his younger sister Anna played Netball for England Juniors ... coach-Norman Poole In 2009: 8 North of England XC; 4 UK Inter-Counties XC; 11 Dublin 10K; 7 Berkeley 5000; 1 Stretford BMC 800; 8 Hengelo 1500; 7 Berlin Golden League 1500; 5 ETCh 1500; 9 London Mile; 6 Stockholm 1000; 8ht WCH 1500						
2,	MANZANO Leonel	USA	24y	349d	1984	3:34.14	3:34.14 -09
	Winner of US Collegiate titles indoors & out, representing the University of Texas Mile pb: 3:53.01 -09. sf OLY 2008; 12 WCH 2009)2--7-ht). 1 NCAA 2005/2008 (2006-4, 2007-2). 1 NCAA indoor mile 2007/2008. Born-Mexico, when he was four his family moved to Texas In 2009: 14 Carson; 1 St. Louis Mile; 1 New York; 13 Eugene Mile; 2 US Champs; 2 London Mile; 10 Stockholm 1000; 12 WCH						
3,	BOUKENSA Tarek	ALG	27y	282d	1981	3:31.90	3:30.92 -07
	Fifth at 2007 World Championship 1500m ... Mile pb: 3:49.95 -05 (3:56.90 -09). 800 pb: 1:46.10 -06. 8 WJC 1500 2000; ht WIC 1500 2003; sf OLY 1500 2004/2008; 3 African Champs 1500 2006 (2002-5); 3 African Games 1500 2007; 5 WCH 1500 2007 (2003-sf, 2005-8, 2009-ht). At WXC: 2000-57J, 2002-34 short, 2003-48 short, 2004-12 short, 2006-36 short. Coach-Amar Brahmia In 2009: 4 Algiers 5000; 2 Casablanca 1500; 8 Oslo Golden League Mile; 4 Rome Golden League 1500; 5 Monaco 1500; 6ht WCH 1500 (3:45.65)						
4,	LOMONG Lopez	USA	24y	239d	1985	3:32.94	3:32.94 -09
	Former US Collegiate Champion representing Northern Arizona University where his is studying Hotel Management Mile pb: 3:53.35 -09. 800 pb: 1:45.58 -08 (1:46.72 -09). sf OLY 2008; 8 WCH 2009. 1 US 2009. 1 NCAA 2007 (2006-4). Refugee from Sudan, he was abducted by militia men at the age of six but escaped to Kenya and lived in a camp for refugees before being relocated to live with a family in the State of New York ... coach-John Hayes In 2009: 4 Texas Invitational 800; 4 Carson; 7 New York 800; 5 Eugene; 6 Eugene Mile; 1 US Champs; 2 Liège 800; 7 Heusden; 3 London Mile; 7 Monaco (down from 3:36 to 3:32); 8 WCH						
5,	MOUSTAOUI Mohamed	MAR	24y	148d	1985	3:32.60	3:32.06 -08
	2007 Arab Champion ... caused a shock by defeating Bernard Lagat in 2006 Gateshead 1500m 800 pb: 1:45.44 -09. 5000 pb: 13:22.61 -05. 4 WJC 2004; 5 African Champs 2006; 1 Arab 2007; sf OLY 2008; 2 Mediterranean Games 2009; 6 WCH 2009 (2007-sf). At WXC: 2003-28J, 2004-14J, 2005-14 short. Based-Rabat ... coach-Ayoub El Madili In 2009: 4 Doha; 5 Rabat; 3 Hengelo; 2 Mediterranean Games; 7 Rome Golden League; 2 Tangiers 800; 6 WCH						
6,	ALI Belal Mansoor	BRN	20y	314d	1988	3:32.10	3:31.49 -07
	TRANSFEREE – Formerly: John Yego KEN World & Olympic finalist at 1500m 800 pb: 1:44.02 -07 (1:45.26 -09). 1 World Youth 1500 2005; 7 WCH 800 2005 (ht 1500); 3 WJC 1500 2006 (7 800); 11 WCH 1500 2007 (ht 800); ht WIC 1500 2008; 8 OLY 1500 2008 (sf 800); 9 WCH 1500 2009 (sf 800). At WXC: 2005-10J, 2006-21J. Holds World Youth bests at 800m & 1500m ... before his transfer from Kenya he apparently clocked 1:46.8 for 800m at altitude in 2004 at age 15 ... he was investigated by the IAAF for alleged age manipulation, but cleared of all charges in November 2006 In 2009: 10 Doha 1500; 4 Eugene Mile; 2 Thessaloniki 1500; 4 Berlin Golden League 1500; 4 Ostrava Mile; 3 Lausanne 1500; 5 Rome Golden League 1500; 4 Tangiers 1500; 1 Heusden 800; 1 Stockholm 1000; 9 WCH 1500 (sf 800)						
7,	ZERGUELAIN Anta	ALG	24y	236d	1985	3:31.21	3:31.21 -09
	Sixth at 2007 World Championships ... Algeria's best miler since Morcelli 800 pb: 1:45.81 -08 (1:46.34 -09). 3000 pb: 7:47.68 -08. 5 WJC 1500 2004; 1 Arab junior 800/1500 2004; 1 North African 800 2004; 2 African Games 1500 2007; 6 WCH 1500 2007 (2005-ht); sf OLY 1500 2008; 1 Mediterranean Games 1500 2009. At WXC: 2005-34 short, 2006-77 short. Zerguelaine means "blue eyes" in Arabic ... born-Jijel – started as a football player ... coach-Amar Brahmia In 2009: 7 Doha 1500; 1 Algiers 1500; 3 Casablanca 800; 1 Mediterranean Games 1500; 1 Lausanne 1500; 9 Rome Golden League 1500; 2 Monaco 1500; 6ht WCH 1500 (he was pushed onto the infield near the finish and ran several strides on grass before returning to the track)						
8,	CHOGE Augustine	KEN	22y	219d	1987	3:29.47	3:29.47 -09
	Full name-Augustine Kiprono Choge 2006 Commonwealth Games Champion at 5000m ... 2005 World Junior Cross Country Champion Mile pb: 3:50.22 -09. 3000 pb: 7:28.78 -05. 5000 pb: 12:53.66 -05. 800 pb: 1:44.86 -09. 1 East African youth 800/1500/3000 2003; 1 World Youth 3000 2003; 1 World Junior 5000 2004; ht WCH 5000 2005; 1 COM 5000 2006; 10 OLY 1500 2008 (ran with stress fracture); 5 WCH 1500 2009. At WXC: 2003-4J, 2005-1J, 2006-7 short, 2008-12. In Berlin 2004 at age 17 he became the youngest ever man to break 13 minutes for 5000m ... coach-Brother Colm O'Connell In 2009: 7 Edinburgh XC; 2 Prague 1000; 1 Doha 1500; 2 Hengelo 5000; 1 Berlin Golden League 1500 (3:29.47, the world's fastest since 2006); 4 Ostrava 800 (pb 1:44.86); 3 Oslo Golden League Mile (pb); 3 Kenyan World Trials 1500; 5 WCH 1500						
9,	KIPROP Asbel	KEN	20y	59d	1989	3:31.20	3:31.20 -09
	Full name-Asbel Kipruto Kiprop 2008 Olympic 1500m silver at 19, becoming the youngest-ever Olympic medallist in that event; he may yet become the rightful champion if Rashid Ramzi's doping violation is confirmed ... twice fourth in World 1500m finals Mile pb: 3:48.50 -09. 800 pb: 1:43.17 -09. 1 African Games 1500 2007; 4 WCH 1500 2007/2009; 3 African Champs 800 2008; 2 OLY 1500 2008; sf WCH 800 2009. 1 Kenyan 1500 2007. He reportedly give up high school to concentrate on athletics ... his father David Kebenei was also a 1500m runner ... coach-Jimmy Beuttah ... Absel is 1.91 (6-3) tall In 2009: 6 Kenyan Police XC; 2 Doha 800 (pb 1:43.17); 1 Hengelo 1500; 1 Eugene Mile; 3 Ostrava 800; 1 Rome Golden League 1500; 1 Athens 800; 1 Kenyan World Trials 1500; 4 WCH 1500 (ran half a second faster than the leaders on the last lap, but was too far back at the bell) (sf 800)						

10, KAMEL Youssef Saad BRN **26y** 152d 1983 **3:31.56** **3:31.56 -09**
 TRANSFEREE – Formerly: Gregory Konchellah KEN
 New World Champion at 1500m ... Asian record holder at 800m ... 2008 World indoor bronze at 800m
 800 pb: 1:42.79 -08 (1:45.01 -09). 1000 pb: 2:14.72 -08. sf WCH 800 2005/2007; 1 WCP 800 2006. 1 World Athletics Final 800 2004/2007;
 1 Asian Games 800 2006; 1 Asian indoor 800 2008; 3 WIC 800 2008 (2004-sf); 5 OLY 800 2008 (2004-ht); 1 WCH 1500 2009 (3 800). The
 IAAF approved his transfer from November 23, 2003 ... his father is twice World 800m Champion Billy Konchellah ... coach- Tareq Yaqoob
 (husband/coach of Maryam Jamal)
 In 2009: 1 Sydney 1500; 3 Melbourne 1500; 9 Lausanne 800; 4 Monaco 1500; 5 Stockholm 800; 1 WCH 1500 (3 800)

Years of under-achievement at championships, now he has won the world title at 1500m and bronze at 800m

11, KRUMMENACKER David USA **34y** 96d 1975 **3:49.70** **3:31.93 -02**
 PACEMAKER 1 – 1:51 to 800m
 At 2003 World Indoor Championships in Birmingham, he became the first American athlete to win a global title at 800m since David Wottle
 in 1972
 800 pb: 1:43.92 -02 (1:45.60 -09). 7 WJC 800 94; sf WCH 1500 99; sf WCH 800 2001/2003/2005; 3 WCP 800 2002; 1 WIC 800 2003
 (2006-ht). 1 US 800 2001/2002/2003. 1 US junior 800/1500 92. Born-El Paso, mother-German, father-Nigerian
 In 2009: 13 Carson 1500; 10 New York 800; 1 Kortrijk 800 'B'; 6 Ghent 800; paced London 800 & Mile; 6 Copenhagen Games 800

12, VAN DER WESTHUIZEN Peter RSA **24y** 249d 1984 **3:35.33** **3:35.33 -09**
 PACEMAKER 2 – 2:47 to 1200m ... 800 pb: 1:49.57 -05. Mile pb: 3:56.26 -09. sf WCH 2009. 11 NCAA indoor mile 2008, representing the
 University of Nebraska where he studied nutrition science and dietetics ... coach/father Glen van der Westhuizen
 In 2009: 2 Roodepoort; 3 Pretoria 3000; 4 Durban; 1 Port Elizabeth; 4 South African; 1 Nebraska Invitational; 2 Kansas Relays; 2 Drake
 Relays; 2 Stanford; 3 Carson; 4 New York; 11 Eugene Mile; 3 Barcelona; 8 Stockholm 1000; 7 Cottbus 1000; 10sf WCH; 2 Tallinn