

Weltklasse Zurich 2009 • Biographical Summaries • Men

Men's 3000m Steeplechase

20:30



2009 World Best: 7:58.85 Ezekiel Kemboi KEN Doha 5 May 09

No-one under 8:00 in Zurich since Saif Saaeed Shaheen 2006

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	MOHAMED Mustafa SWE	30y	180d	1979	8:18.44	8:05.75 -07
	World & Olympic steeplechase finalist; fourth in Gothenburg 2006 & Osaka 2007 where he was the first non-Kenyan 5000 pb: 13:32.08 -07. 2 EJC 10,000 97; 8 WJC 98; 4 ECH 2006; 4 WCH 2007 (2003-ht, 2005-10, 2009-14); 10 OLY 2008 (2004-13); 1 ETCh 2009. At WXC: 98-54J, 2007-28. At EXC: 97-3J, 98-6J, 2000-73, 2002-59, 2003-20, 2004-22, 2005-14, 2006-3, 2007-2, 2008-3. 1 Swedish 2002/2003/2008 (1 5000 2007). Former footballer ... mother-Somalian; stepfather-Swedish who was aid worker in Somalia ... brother Ahmed is an international steeplechaser ... born-Mogadishu ... coach-Ulf Friberg In 2009: 2 European Clubs XC; 1 Swedish XC; 13 Nijmegen 1500; 6 Rehlingen 3000; 7 Gothenburg 5000; 9 Ostrava; 1 ETCh; 6 Paris Golden League; 7 Stockholm; 14 WCH					
2,	KIPROTICH Wesley KEN	30y	27d	1979	8:14.45	8:05.68 -04
	2 COM 2006 In 2009: 9 Doha; 3ht Kenyan; 2 Tangiers; 5 Paris Golden League; 1 Barcelona; 6 Monaco; 2 Stockholm					
3,	KESKISALO Jukka FIN	28y	154d	1981	8:12.93	8:12.93 -09
	Shock European Champion in 2006 after being only sixth at the bell 5000 pb: 13:39.81 -09. 7 EJC 99; 7 WJC 2000; 3 under-23 ECH 2003; 3 ECP 2006; 1 ECH 2006; 4 WCP 2006; 8 WCH 2009 (2003-9, 2005-ht). 1 Finnish 2003/2005/2006/2008 (1 1500 2003/2006/2009). At WXC: 99-109J. At EXC: 99-78J, 2000-46J In 2009: 12 Stanford 10,000 'B'; 9 Mt. SAC Relays 5000 'B'; 9 Hengelo; 1 Huelva; 1 Kuortane 3000; 1 Tampere; 1 ETCh 1st League; 2 Lappeenranta 5000; 3 Paris Golden League; 1 Joensuu 3000; 1 Lapinlahti 2000; 4 Monaco; 1 Finnish 1500; 8 WCH; 1 Tallinn 1500 (pb 3:38.90) He is so near to the Finnish record of Tapio Kantanen (8:12.60) which has stood since 1976					
4,	MUTAI Abel KEN	20y	329d	1988	8:11.40	8:11.40 -09
	Full name-Abel Kiprop Mutai Former World Youth & African Junior Champion 1 World Youth 2000SC 2005; 1 African junior 2007 In 2009: 3 Kenyan; 1 Velenje; 4 Athens; 4 Paris Golden League; 5 Kenyan World Trials; 5 Monaco; 3 Stockholm					
5,	RAMOLEFI Ruben RSA	31y	42d	1978	8:11.63	8:11.63 -09
	South African record holder & 6x Champion ... 9 WSG 5000 2003; 5 African Champs 2004; 3 WSG 2005; 7 COM 2006; 8 African Games 2007; 14 OLY 2008; 13 WCH 2009 (2005/2007-ht). 1 South African 2004/2005/2006/2007/2008/2009 (1 5000 2005). At WXC: 2005-38 short. Former footballer, he played in the South African League In 2009: 1 Durban; 1 Port Elizabeth; 1 Stellenbosch; 1 South African; 7 Rabat; 4 Kuortane 3000; 2 Tampere 1500; 1 Turku 1500; 8 Sollentuna 1500; 10 Paris Golden League; 3 Monaco; 13 WCH					
6,	CHELIMO Elijah KEN	25y	170d	1984	8:10.63	8:10.63 -09
	4 African Games 2007. 2 Kenyan 2008/2009 In 2009: 5 Doha; 3 Rabat; 3 Hengelo; 2 Bydgoszcz; 5 Ostrava; 2 Kenyan; paced Paris Golden League; 3 Barcelona; 7 Monaco; 12 Stockholm					
7,	KIPYEGO Mike KEN	25y	330d	1983	8:08.48	8:08.48 -09
	2002 World Junior Champion ... 8 World Youth 3000 99; 2 African junior 2001; 1 WJC 2002; ht WCH 2003; 2 African Champs 2008. At WXC: 2002-12J, 2003-4 short, 2007-6. Full name-Michael Kipkorir Arap Kipyego In 2009: 6 Doha; 5 Hengelo; 6 Athens; 4 Kenyan World Trials; 2 Monaco; 1 Stockholm					
8,	KIPRUTO Brimin KEN	24y	28d	1985	8:03.17	8:02.89 -07
	2008 Olympic & 2007 World Champion ... 2004 Olympic silver ... 2005 World bronze 1500 pb: 3:35.23 -06. 2 World Youth 2001; 3 WJC 1500 2004; 1 WCH 2007 (2005-3, 2009-7); 1 OLY 2008 (2004-2). At WXC: 2005-37 short, 2006-18 short ... third of 10 children In 2009: 3 Doha; 1 Hengelo; 2 Ostrava; 1 Athens; 1 Kenyan World Trials; 7 WCH					
9,	KOECH Paul Kipsiele KEN	27y	291d	1981	8:01.26	7:56.37 -05
	2004 Olympic bronze ... could not qualifying for Kenyan team for the 2007 World Championships & 2008 Olympic Games ... 6x below eight minutes but not since Brussels 2007 3000 pb: 7:33.93 -05. 5000 pb: 13:11.26 -05. 1500 pb: 3:37.92 -07. 2 African Games 2003; 3 OLY 2004; 1 African Champs 2006; 2 WCP 2006; 2 WIC 3000 2008; 4 WCH 2009 (2005-7). Not to be confused with two other (older) Kenyan athletes of the same name of Paul Koech ... youngest of eight sons ... wife-Irene Koech His only steeplechase defeat of 2008 was, crucially, at the Kenyan Olympic Trials In 2009: 2 Doha; 1 Rabat; 1 Eugene; 3 Ostrava; 6 Kenyan World Trials; 4 WCH					
10,	TAHRI Bouabdellah FRA	30y	251d	1978	8:01.18	8:01.18 -09
	(Familiar name – "Bob") ... 2009 World bronze with European record 1500 pb: 3:34.85 -02. 3000 pb: 7:33.18 -09. 5000 pb: 13:12.29 -07. 1 EJC 5000 97; 1 ECP 2000/2001/2002/2004 (1 3000 flat 2007); 11 WIC 3000 2001; 4 WCH 2003 (99-12, 2001/2007-5, 2005-8); 2 ECP 5000 2005; 3 ECH 2006 (98-10, 2002-4); 3 WCP 2006; 2 EIC 3000 2007/2009 (98-8); 1 ECP 3000 2007 (2007-8); 5 OLY 2008 (2000-ht, 2004-7). At EXC: 2008-6. His parents were Algerian ... coach-Jean-Michel Dirringer (same as Mehdi Baala) In 2009: 3 French indoor 1500; 2 EIC 3000; 3 French XC; 1 Tomblaine 2000SC; 2 Lille 1500; 1 Metz 3000SC; 2 French 1500; 4 Monaco 3000; 3 WCH 3000SC					

11,	MATELONG Richard KEN Full name-Richard Kipkemboi Matelong 2009 World silver ... 2007 World bronze ... 2008 Olympic bronze 1 African Champs 2008 (2004-2); 3 OLY 2008; 2 WCH 2009 (2007-3). 1 Kenyan XC 2007. At WXC: 2007-dnf. He has the rank of Constable in the Kenyan Police where he is a PT instructor based in Nyeri ... wife-Ruth Chepkemoi, their son Kipchumba born 2006 In 2009: 2 Rabat; 4 Hengelo; 3 Bydgoszcz; 1 Kenyan; 2 Kenyan World Trials; 2 WCH	25y	318d	1983	8:00.89	8:00.89 -09
12,	KEMBOI Ezekiel KEN 2009 World Champion after three successive silvers ... Former Olympic Champion ... 2006 Commonwealth Games Champion (named son after the city) ... three times World silver medallist 1 African junior 2001; 4 African Champs 2002; 1 African Games 2003 (2007-2); 1 OLY 2004 (2008-7); 1 COM 2006 (2002-2); dq African Champs 2006; 1 WCH 2009 (2003/2005/2007-2) 1 Kenyan 2008. Has 50-acre farm in Eldoret, producing maize & rice ... plays as a forward from the local football team of his home town of Matira ... son Kiprono Manchester Kemboi jnr born September 2, 2002 ... coach-Moses Kiptanui In 2009: 1 Doha; 1 Ostrava; disqualified from his heat at the Kenyan Championships (he says he does not why), then reinstated only to fall in the final; 2 Athens; 2 Paris Golden League; 3 Kenyan World Trials; 1 WCH	27y	95d	1982	7:58.85	7:58.85 -09
13,	LANGAT David KEN PACEMAKER 1 – 2:38 to 1000m Full name-David Kiprono Langat ... 5 Kenyan 2007 In 2009: paced Paris Golden League	26y	171d	1983	-	8:24.19 -08
14,	TAHER Tareq Mubarak BRN PACEMAKER 1 – 5:18 to 2000m TRANSFEREE – Formerly: Dennis Kipkurui Keter KEN Found guilty of lying about his age in order compete at world championships as a youth and a junior 2000SC pb: 5:23.95 -05. dq World Youth 2005 (originally 1st); 15 WCH 2005; 11 WIC 3000 2006; dq WJC 2006 (originally 2nd); 8 WCP 3000 2006; 8 WCH 2007 (2009-10); 11 OLY 2008. At WXC: 2005-9, 2006-dq (originally 19th) In March 2007 the IAAF reported: "After an extensive investigation by the IAAF, fully supported by the Kenyan government, it has emerged that the athlete falsified a birth certificate in order to obtain a Kenyan passport listing his birthday as 1 Dec 1989, when his real date of birth was 1 Dec 1986." Therefore he was over-age when he competed at the 2005 World Youth Championships, 2006 World Junior Cross Country Championships and 2006 World Junior Championships, the IAAF have officially annulled these "junior" performances In 2009: 4 Doha; 4 Rabat; 1 Bydgoszcz; 4 Ostrava; 3 Athens; 1 Heusden; 1 Monaco; 10 WCH	22y	270d	1986	8:06.13	8:06.13 -09