

# Weltklasse Zurich 2009 • Biographical Summaries • Men

## Men's Javelin Throw

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Golden League Event



2009 World Best:	90.71	Vadims Vasilevskis LAT	Valmiera	23 May 09
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		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1,	<b>RUUSKANEN Antti</b> FIN	25y	188d	1984	<b>85.03</b>	<b>87.33 -08</b>
	3 EJC 2003; 2 under-23 ECH 2005; 6 WCH 2009. 1 Finnish under-23 2005/2006 ... in Kuortane 2008 became the first Finn to defeat Tero Pitkämäki in four years ... coach-Antero Puranan ... 1.90/85kg In 2009: 6 Seinäjoki; 9 Berlin Golden League; 6 Pihtipudas; 7 Lapua; 1 Lappeenranta; 2 Joensuu; 2 Lapinlahti; 2 Finnish; 6 WCH					
2,	<b>FRANK Mark</b> GER	32y	68d	1977	<b>83.86</b>	<b>84.88 -05</b>
	2005 European Cup winner ... 2009 European Team Championships winner 3 under-23 ECH 99; 1 World Military 2002; 1 ECP 2005 (2007-5); 8 WCH 2005/2009; 1 ETCh 2009. 1 German 2009. Two sons Eric (7) & Yannick (5) ... mother-in-law is Anita Weiss (4 OLY 800 1976) ... coach-Ralf Skopnik ... 1.85/90kg In 2009: 1 Rostock; 1 Dessau; 2 International Military Champs; 4 Berlin Golden League; 1 ETCh; 1 German; 3 Rome Golden League; 6 Paris Golden League; 3 Cuxhaven; 1 Wattenscheid; 8 WCH					
3,	<b>MANNIO Ari</b> FIN	22y	36d	1987	<b>85.70</b>	<b>85.70 -09</b>
	2009 European under-23 Champion ... 3 EJC 2005; 2 WJC 2006 (2004-6); 1 under-23 ECH 2009 (2007-4). 1 Finnish under-23 2008/2009 ... 1.85/104kg In 2009: 1 Leppävirta; 4 Seinäjoki; 1 Kuortane; 1 Keuruu; 4 Pihtipudas; 1 Lapua; 2 Lappeenranta; 1 under-23 ECH; 3 Lapinlahti; 4 Finnish					
4,	<b>MARTINEZ Guillermo</b> CUB	28y	61d	1981	<b>86.41</b>	<b>87.17 -06</b>
	2009 World silver ... 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs 2006/2009; 1 Pan-Am Games 2007; 2 WCH 2009 (2005-10, 2007-9). 1 Cuban 2004/2005/2006 ... from-Camagüey ... coach-Miguel Bernal ... 1.90/101kg In 2009: 1 Havana (7x); 2 Havana (Feb 27); 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs; 2 WCH					
5,	<b>WIRKKALA Teemu</b> FIN	25y	226d	1984	<b>87.23</b>	<b>87.23 -09</b>
	Former World Youth & European Junior Champion ... 1 World Youth 2001; 7 WJC 2003; 1 EJC 2003; 6 under-23 ECH 2005; dnq ECH 2006; 5 OLY 2008; 9 WCH 2009 (2007-12). 1 Finnish 2009. Coach-Hannu Kangas (trains with Pitkämäki) ... 1.87/89kg In 2009: 7 Doha; 2 Seinäjoki; 6 Berlin Golden League; 2 Pihtipudas; 2 Oslo Golden League; 4 Paris Golden League; 1 Joensuu; 1 Finnish; 9 WCH					
6,	<b>VASILEVSKIS Vadims</b> LAT	27y	235d	1982	<b>90.71</b>	<b>90.73 -07</b>
	2004 Olympic silver, when he set personal bests in qualifying & final ... fourth at the last two World Championships 8 WJC 2000; 7 EJC 2001; dnq ECH 2002; 7 under-23 ECH 2003; 2 World Military 2003; 2 OLY 2004 (2008-9); 4 ECH 2006; 1 WSG 2007; 4 WCH 2007/2009 (2005-dnq) ... coach-Valentina Eiduka ... his second sport is mountain biking ... has two younger sisters (Jana & Dana) who were javelin throwers ... 1.88/102kg In 2009: 4 Doha; 1 Valmiera (90.71, just 2cm below his best); 1 Tartu; 5 Berlin Golden League; 5 Oslo Golden League; 4 Rome Golden League; 1 Athens (88.33); 3 Paris Golden League; nm Stockholm; 4 WCH					
7,	<b>THORKILDSEN Andreas</b> NOR	27y	149d	1982	<b>88.97</b>	<b>91.59 -06</b>
	Uniquely (for a javelin thrower), he now holds Olympic, World & European titles 1 European Youth 99; 2 WJC 2000; 2 EJC 2001 (99-7); 4 under-23 ECH 2003; 1 OLY 2004/2008; 1 ECH 2006 (2002-dnq); 1 WCP 2006; 1 WCH 2009 (2001-dnq, 2003-11, 2005/2007-2). 1 Norwegian 2001/2003/2004/2005/2006/2009. He set six Norwegian records in 2005/2006 up to 91.59 ... father-Tomm was a 10.7 100 sprinter, mother-Bente Amundsen was Norwegian 100H champion ... partner-Christina Vukicevic (Norwegian record holder at 100H) ... coach-Åsmund Martinsen ... 1.90//90kg In 2009: 1 Doha; 1 Seinäjoki; 2 Berlin Golden League; 2 ETCh 1st League; 3 Oslo Golden League; 1 Rome Golden League; 1 Paris Golden League; 1 Stockholm; 1 Norwegian; 1 WCH					