

# Weltklasse Zurich 2009 • Biographical Summaries • Women

## Women's Pole Vault

19:05

Golden League Event



2009 World Best: 4.85 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS Rome 10 Jul 09

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
<b>1,</b>	<b>DRAGILA Stacy</b> USA Former Olympic & World Champion ... now holds world over-35 best of 4.70 set in 2008 4.61i -09. 1 WIC 97 (99-8, 2001-4, 2003-nh qual, 2004-2); 1 WCH 99/2001 (2003-4=, 2005-dnq); 1 OLY 2000 (2004-dnq). 1 US 96/97/2000/2001/2002/2003/2004/2005 (8x). 1 US indoor 96/97/98/99/2000/2001/2003/2004. Scored 5029 in decathlon in 1997 (men's tables, women's implement). Voted world woman athlete of the year in 2001 ... graduate of Idaho State University ... 1.72 tall  She says "this will be my last year competing"  In 2009: 2 US indoor; 3 Mt. SAC Relays; 4 Chula Vista (Apr 25); 1 Chula Vista (May 2); nh Chula Vista (May 9); 2 Carson; 2 New York; 2 Walnut; =3 Toronto; 3 US Champs; 8 Madrid; 9 Rome Golden League; 8 Paris Golden League; nh Réthymno; 8 London; dnq WCH	<b>38y</b>	156d	1971	<b>4.55</b>	<b>4.83 -04</b>
<b>2,</b>	<b>BÜCHLER Nicole</b> SUI Swiss record holder ... medals at the the last two World Student Games 12 under-23 ECH 2005; 3 WSG 2007 (2005-18); dnq OLY 2008; 2 WSG 2009 (2005-18, 2007-3); dnq WCH 2009. 1 Swiss 2009 In 2009: 1 Swiss indoor; dnq EIC; 1 Swiss Clubs; 1 ETCh 1st League; 1 Olten; 2 World Student Games; 2 Lucerne; 3 Jockgrim; 1 Swiss; dnq WCH	<b>25y</b>	254d	1983	<b>4.50</b>	<b>4.50 -09</b>
<b>3,</b>	<b>DENNISON Kate</b> GBR Sixth at 2009 World Championships ... British record holder indoors & out 3 European Youth 2001; 7 WJC 2002; =11 EJC 2003; 5 ECP 2006; dnq ECH 2006; dnq EIC 2007; dnq OLY 2008; 6 WCH 2009. 1 AAA under-17 2000; 1 AAA junior 2001/2002/2003; 1 AAA under-23 2004; 1 AAA indoor 2006. 1 UK 2007 & indoor 2007/2008/2009. 1 English Schools 2001. Ex-Gymnast ... her older brother Bruce was an international gymnast ... she has a degree in Psychology from Staffordshire University ... born-Durban, moved to Britain aged 4 ... operations on both Achilles tendons in September 2008 ... coach-Steve Rippon ... 1.72 tall In 2009: 1 UK indoor; 6 EIC; 3 Sopot; 1 Prague (Jun 8); 1 Prague (Jun 10); 4 ETCh; 2 Hof; 2 Madrid; 1 UK Champs; 5 London (4.58, her eighth UK record of 2009 – 3 in + 5 out); 3 Leverkusen; 6 WCH	<b>25y</b>	112d	1984	<b>4.58</b>	<b>4.58 -09</b>
<b>4,</b>	<b>MURER Fabiana</b> BRA South American record holder ... shared 2008 World indoor bronze ... 10 WJC 2000 (98-dnq); 1 Ibero-American 2006; 2 WCP 2006; 1 South American 2006/2007/2009; 1 Pan-American 2007; =3 WIC 2008 (2006-dnq); =10 OLY 2008; 5 WCH 2009 (2005-dnq, 2007-6=). 1 Brazilian 2005/2006/2008/2009 ... Coach-Elson Miranda de Souza ... 1.72 tall She received a special award from her federation in consolation for her bad luck in Beijing, where the organisers lost her poles before the Olympic final In 2009: nh Río de Janeiro; 1 Belém; 1 Brazilian; =3 Berlin Golden League; 1 South American; 5 Oslo Golden League; 4 Rome Golden League; 5 Paris Golden League; 5 WCH	<b>28y</b>	165d	1981	<b>4.82</b>	<b>4.82 -09</b>
<b>5,</b>	<b>SPIEGELBURG Silke</b> GER Twice Olympic finalist ... in an upset, she won 2008 World Athletics Final 4.75i -09. 1 World Youth 2001; 8 WJC 2002; 1 EJC 2003/2005; 8 WIC 2006; 6 ECH 2006; 4 under-23 ECH 2007; 3 ECP 2008; 7 OLY 2008 (2004-13=); 2 EIC 2009 (2007-5); 3 ETCh 2009; 4 WCH 2009 (2007-nh final). 1 German 2006/2009. Younger sister of Richard Spiegelburg (pb 5.85). On August 25, 2005 in Münster she broke the world junior record of Yelena Isinbayeva with 4.48 ... coach-Leszek Klima ... 1.73 tall In 2009: 1 German indoor (broke German indoor record with 4.71); 2 EIC; 1 Doha; 1 Rabat; 1 Hengelo; 9 Berlin Golden League; 3 ETCh; 1 Málaga; 1 German; 5 Rome Golden League; nh Paris Golden League; 1 Leverkusen; 4 WCH	<b>23y</b>	164d	1986	<b>4.70</b>	<b>4.70 -08/09</b>
<b>6,</b>	<b>PYREK Monika</b> POL (Pronounced "Pir-eck") ... 2005 & 2009 World silvers, 2003 world bronze ... 2001 European under-23 Champion ... has set 68 Polish records indoors or out though now supplanted by Anna Rogowska 10 EJC 97; 3 WJC 98; 1 under-23 ECH 2001; 3 EIC 2002 (2000-9); 3 WIC 2003 (99-11, 2004-5=, 2006/2008-4); 4 OLY 2004 (2000-7, 2008-5); 2 WCH 2005 (2001-3, 2003-4=, 2007-4, 2009-2=); 1 ECP 2006/2007 (2002-2, 2004-4); 2 ECH 2006 (98-7, 2002-dnq); 5 WCP 2006; 1 ETCh 2009. 1 Polish 99-2002/2004/2005/2007/2008 (1 indoor 99/2000/2002/2003/2004/2005/2008) ... voted Polish woman athlete of 2003 ... coach-Vyacheslav Kalinichenko ... 1.70 tall In 2009: 1 Polish indoor; 1 Biala Podlaska; 5 Warsaw; 2 Berlin Golden League; 1 ETCh; 2 Oslo Golden League; 8 Rome Golden League; 5 Paris Golden League; 3 London; =2 WCH	<b>29y</b>	16d	1980	<b>4.78</b>	<b>4.82 -07</b>
<b>7,</b>	<b>JOHNSON Chelsea</b> USA Shared 2009 World silver with Monika Pyrek ... Twice US Collegiate Champion, representing the UCLA =2 WCH 2009. 1 NCAA 2004 & indoor 2006. Daughter of Jan Johnson, 1972 Olympic Pole Vault bronze medallist ... self-coached ... 1.75 tall In 2009: 1 San Luis Obispo; 1 Westwood; 1 Mt. SAC Relays; nh Carson; 3 New York; 1 Walnut; 1 Toronto; 2 US Champs; 6 Madrid; 3 Athens; 3 Lucerne; 4 Paris Golden League; 1 Jockgrim; 6 London; =2 WCH	<b>25y</b>	251d	1983	<b>4.65</b>	<b>4.73 -08</b>
<b>8,</b>	<b>ROGOWSKA Anna</b> POL 2009 World Champion ... 2004 Olympic bronze ... 2006 World indoor silver ... Polish record holder indoors & out dnq EIC 2002; =7 ECH 2002; 3 under-23 ECH 2003; 3 OLY 2004 (2008-10=); 2 EIC 2005 (2007-3); 1 ECP 2005 (2008-2); 2 WIC 2006 (2003-6=, 2008-6); 1 WCH 2009 (2003-7, 2005-6=, 2007-8). 1 Polish 2009 ... started at 100m hurdles ... coach/husband-Jacek Torlinski (his pb 4.85) ... 1.70 tall In 2009: 6 Donyetsk; 1 Sopot; 1 Warsaw; =3 Berlin Golden League; 1 Hof; 4 Oslo Golden League; 6 Rome Golden League; 2 Paris Golden League; 1 London; 1 Polish (beat Isinbayeva); 1 WCH	<b>28y</b>	99d	1981	<b>4.80</b>	<b>4.83 -05</b>

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**ISINBAYEVA Yelena** RUS

**27y** 86d 1982 **4.85**

**5.05 -08**

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Twice Olympic, twice World, three times World Indoor Champion ... has now set 14 world records outdoors & 12 indoors

9 WJC 98; 1 World Youth 99; 5 EJC 99; 1 WJC 2000; 1 EJC 2001; 1 European under-23 2003; 1 WIC 2004/2006/2008 (2001-7, 2003-2); 1 OLY 2004/2008 (2000-dnq); 1 EIC 2005 (2000-7); 1 WCH 2005/2007 (2003-3, 2009-nh final); 1 ECH 2006 (2002-2); 1 WCP 2006. 1 Russian indoor 2000/2002 ... has pet cat named "Dasha" ... coach-Vitaliy Petrov, she has a home in Monaco and trains with Petrov in Formia ... "my goal is to finish my professional career at 5.20m" ... she says her dream outside athletics is to star in a film with Angelina Jolie ... 1.70/63kg  
In 2009: 1 Donyetsk indoor (4.97 then 5.00, her 25th & 26th world records, she is now within 10 of Sergey Bubka's total of 35); 1 Birmingham indoor; 1 Prague indoor; 1 Berlin Golden League; 1 Oslo Golden League; 1 Rome Golden League; 1 Paris Golden League; 2 London (her latest win streak ended at 18 by Anna Rogowska POL); nh WCH final (4.75-x, 4.80-xx)