

Men's Shot Put

45 Entrants

		Age	(Days)	Born	Season's Best	Personal Best
1034	LAURO Germán ARG	24y	134d	1984	19.88	19.88 -08
	2007 South American Champion at both shot & discus ... DT pb: 60.30 -06 (56.53 -08). 1 South American junior DT 2001; 1 South American under-23 SP/DT & senior SP 2006; 1 South American SP/DT 2007; 4 Pan-American Games DT 2007 (5 SP); 3 Ibero-American SP 2008 (4 DT) ... 1.85/115kg In 2008: 1 Porto Alegre SP; 1 Mar del Plata SP (5 DT); 2 Buenos Aires SP; 2 Santa Fe SP; 3 Ibero-American SP (4 DT)					
1065	ANLEZARK Justin AUS	31y	today	1977	20.53	20.96 -03
	2002 Commonwealth Games Champion ... eleventh at Athens Olympics ... 2 WJC 96 (94-12); 1 COM 2002 (98-7); 2 WCP 2002 (98-7); 5 WIC 2003; 4 WCH 2003 (2001-dnq); 7 OLY 2004 (2000-dnq). 1 Australian 98/2000-2004/2008. Had a 17-month injury layoff after the Athens Olympics where he achieved the highest-ever placing by an Australian male Olympic thrower but tore finger tendons in the process ... born-Katherine, lives-Toowoomba ... coach-James Toussis ... 1.88/127kg In 2008: 2 Australian Cup; 2 Brisbane; 1 Queensland; 2 Melbourne; 1 Brisbane; 1 Australian; 1 Loughborough; 1 Halle; 5 Belgrade					
1071	MARTIN Scott AUS	25y	307d	1982	21.26	21.26 -08
	Oceanian record holder at Shot Put outdoors ... 2006 Commonwealth Discus gold & Shot bronze DT pb: 64.00 -06. 6 World Youth SP 99; 11 WJC SP 2000 (dnq DT); 3 East Asian Games SP 2001 (5 SP); 3 COM SP 2006; 4 World Cup SP 2006 (5 DT); dnq WCH SP 2007; 7 WIC SP 2008. 1 Australian DT 2004/2005/2006 (1 SP 2006). as famously appeared in a television advertisement for the National Australia Bank practising ballet ... born-Wodonga, lives-Melbourne ... coach-Gus Puopolo ... 1.90/135kg In 2008: 1 Sydney SP; 1 Hobart SP; 1 Australian Cup SP; 1 Victorian State SP; 1 Melbourne SP (set Oceanian record 21.27); 2 Australian SP; 7 WIC SP; 1 Lille SP; 3 Madrid SP; 7 Stockholm SP; 8 London Grand Prix SP					
1140	ALIC Hamza BIH	29y	207d	1979	20.54	20.54 -08
	dnq WJC 98; dnq ECH 2002; dnq WCH 2005/2007; dnq WIC 2006/2008; dnq EIC 2006; 1 Balkan 2007 ... 1.86/125kg In 2008: dnq WIC; 3 European Throws Cup; 1 Podgorica; 1 Zenica; 1 Split; 1 Bosnia & Herzegovina; 1 Varazdin (Jul 5); 1 Varazdin (Jul 16)					
1150	MIKHNEVICH Andrei BLR	32y	33d	1976	22.00	22.00 -08
	Former World Champion ... dnq ECH 98; 1 WCH 2003 (99-dnq, 2001-dq, 2005-6, 2007-3); 1 WSG 2003 (97-6); 5 OLY 2004 (2000-9); 2 WIC 2006 (99-6, 99-8, 2008-4); 1 ECH 2006; 5 EIC 2007 (98-dnq). 1 Belorussian 2000/2005/2006/2007/2008 ... originally 10th in 2001 World final, but failed doping test so disqualified and banned for two years up to August 4, 2003, within 22 days had become both World Champion and World Student Games Champion ... his wife Natallia Mikhnevich (née Khoroneko) is the 2006 European Shot Champion ... 2.02/140kg In 2008: 4 WIC; 1 Belorussian; 1 Stayki					
1153	BELOV Yuri BLR	27y	148d	1981	21.00	21.14 -03
	(= Yuri Bialou) ... 2001 European under-23 silver ... 6 WJC 2000; 2 under-23 ECH 2001 (2003-7); dnq ECH 2002; dnq WCH 2003/2005; 6 OLY 2004; 6 WSG 2005; 8 WCH 2007. 1 Belorussian 2002 ... 1.81/128kg In 2008: 1 Belorussian indoor; 5 Hengelo; 3 Belgrade; 2 Zaragoza; 2 Stayki					
1155	LYZHYN Pavel BLR	27y	144d	1981	20.88	20.92 -04
	2003 European under-23 Champion ... 2007 European indoor silver ... DT pb: 61.76 -07 (58.98 -08). 4 EJC 99 (2 DT); 4 WJC 2000 (7 DT); 8 under-23 ECH 2001; 1 under-23 ECH 2003; dnq WCH 2003/2005/2007; dnq OLY 2004; 5 WSG 2005; 10 ECH 2006 (2002-dnq); 2 EIC 2007 (2002-6). 1 Belarus 2001/2004 ... 1.88/120kg In 2008: 1 Brest; 1 Stayki; 2 Moscow Open; 1 Warsaw; 1 Istanbul; 3 Belorussian (2 DT)					
1276	IVANOV Georgi BUL	23y	155d	1985	20.02	20.02 -08
	Former World Youth & World Junior Champion ... 1 World Youth 2001; 3 EJC 2003; 1 WJC 2004; 4 under-23 ECH 2005/2007. 1 Bulgarian 2007/2008 ... 1.88/125kg In 2008: 1 Bulgarian indoor; 1 Bulgarian winter; 1 Sofia (May 17); 1 Plovdiv; 1 Bulgarian; 2 Istanbul; 1 Sofia (Jun 30)					
1307	ARMSTRONG Dylan CAN	27y	212d	1981	20.92	20.92 -08
	Canadian record holder ... 2007 Pan-American Champion ... 2007 World finalist HT pb: 71.51 -03. 1 Pan-Am Junior HT 99; 2 WJC HT 2000; dnq WCH HT 2001; 1 Pan-Am Games SP 2007; 9 WCH SP 2007. 1 Canadian HT 2001/2002; 1 Canadian SP 2005/2006/2007/2008. Was at University of Texas ... hometown-Kamloops, BC ... 1.93/114kg In 2008: dnq WIC; 1 Mt SAC Relays; 4 Modesto; 3 Carson; 3 Hengelo; 1 Belgrade; 3 Zaragoza; 4 Eugene; 1 Victoria; 1 Burnaby; 1 Canadian; 1 Heusden; 4 Stockholm					
1323	VERNI Marco CHI	32y	169d	1976	19.67	21.14 -04
	South American record holder & 3x champion ... DT pb: 54.05 -02. 1 South American 2001/2003/2005 (97/99/2006/2007-2); dnq WCH 2001/2003/2005; 11 WSG 2001; 1 Ibero-American 2002; 2 Pan-Am Games 2003 (99/2007-6); dnq WIC 2004; dnq OLY 2004; dnq WCH 2007. 1 Chilean 98-2002 (1 DT 2000 -2002) ... 1.88/130kg In 2008: 1 Osorno; 1 Puertomontt; 2 Mar del Plata; 1 Buenos Aires; 1 Santa Fe; 1 Santiago de Chile (May 10); 1 Santiago de Chile (May 18); 4 Ibero-American; 3 Jerez de la Frontera; 2 Copenhagen; 10 Madrid					
1449	MULABEGOVIĆ Nedžad CRO	27y	192d	1981	19.95	20.31 -04
	10 EJC 99; 12 WJC 2000 (dnq DT); 11 under-23 ECH 2001; dnq OLY 2004; dnq ECH 2006; dnq WCH 2007. 1 Croatian 2003/2006/2007/2008. 2 NCAA indoor 2005 ... 1.90/120kg In 2008: 1 Croatian indoor; 1 Croatian winter; 6 European Throws Cup; 1 Rijeka; 1 Croatian Cup; 2 Varazdin; 1 Croatian					
1462	PROENZA Reynaldo CUB	23y	267d	1984	20.30	20.30 -08
	dnq World Youth 2001; 4 Pan-Am junior 2003; 2 Central American & Caribbean Games 2006. 1 Cuban junior 2003 ... 1.88/75kg In 2008: 2 Havana (Feb 15); 1 Havana (Feb 21); 2 Havana (Feb 29); 2 Havana (Mar 8); 2 Caracas; 2 Barquisimeto; 1 Venezuelan; 3 Havana (May 30); 1 Havana (Jun 6); 2 Ibero-American; 2 Havana (Jun 26); 2 Havana (Jul 19)					
1484	VÉLIZ Carlos CUB	21y	3d	1987	20.72	20.72 -08
	3 Pan-American Games 2007. 1 Cuban junior 2005. Holds the Cuban junior record with 20.32 (6kg shot) in 2006 ... 1.87/95kg In 2008: 1 Havana (Feb 15); 2 Havana (Feb 21); 1 Havana (Feb 29); 1 Havana (Mar 8); 1 Caracas; 1 Barquisimeto; 2 Venezuelan; 1 Havana (May 30); 1 Havana (Jul 19)					
1500	PAUMIER Alexis CUB	33y	206d	1975	20.59	20.78 -00
	Cuban record holder ... dnq OLY 2000; fouled out WIC 2001; 5 Pan-Am Games 2003 (2007-7); dnq WIC 2004; 1 Central American & Caribbean Games 2006; 1 Central American & Caribbean Champs 2008 (2005-2). 1 Cuban 99/2000/2002 ... 1.93/129kg In 2008: 3 Havana (Feb 29); 3 Havana (Mar 8); 1 Havana (May 16); 1 Havana (May 23); 2 Havana (May 30); 2 Havana (Jun 6); 1 Havana (Jun 13); 1 Havana (Jun 19); 1 Havana (Jun 26); 1 Central American & Caribbean; 3 Havana (Jul 19)					
1526	STEHLÍK Petr CZE	31y	122d	1977	20.28	20.96 -04
	9x Czech Champion ... 4 WJC 96 (dnq DT); 10 under-23 ECH 97; dnq WCH 2001/2003/2005/2007; 5 EIC 2002 (2005-dnq); fouled out ECH final 2002; 12 OLY 2004; 3 ECP 2005. 1 Czech 98/99/2001/2002/2003/2004/2005/2007/2008. Won "ambidextrous" SP competition in Rüdlingen 2001 with a total distance of 34.97m ... 1.85/120kg In 2008: 1 Kolín; 6 Doha; 1 Lovosice; 1 Turnov; 1 European Clubs Cup; 7 Zaragoza; 3 Prague (Jun 7); 5 Prague (Jun 16); 1 Kladno; 1 Czech; 1 Prague; 1 Cuxhaven; 1 Ustí Nad Labem; 2 Heusden; 1 Bielsko-Biala; 3 Wattenscheid					

1537	OLSEN Joachim B.	DEN	31y	76d	1977	19.62	21.61 -07
<p>2004 Olympic bronze ... twice World indoor bronze ... medals at the last two European Championships DT pb: 60.67 -02. dnq WJC DT 96; 2 under-23 ECH 99; 2 ECH 2002 (2006-3); 3 WIC 2004/2006 (2003-8); 3 OLY 2004 (2000-dnq); 1 EIC 2005 (2002-2, 2007-3); 7 WCH 2005 (99-dnq, 2001-10, 2003-reached final but did not start because of an injury to his throwing hand, 2007- reached final but fouled out). 1 NCAA 2000. 1 Danish 97-2003 (1 DT 99-2003) ... studied history at the University of Idaho, now in Denmark where he does volunteer work visiting schools to tackle bullying... has a parakeet called "Pipsen" ... 1.84/130kg In 2008: 4 Halle</p> <p>Carried flag at opening ceremony</p>							
1565	FARAG Yasser	EGY	24y	104d	1984	19.87	19.87 -08
<p>(Also known as Yasser Ibrahim) ... 2006 African Champion ... DT pb: 61.58 -07 (59.43 -08). 1 African junior SP 2001/2003; 2 World Youth SP 2001; 7 WJC SP 2002; 1 African Champs SP 2006 (2004-3, 2008-2); 2 African Champs DT 2006/2008 (2004-4); 8 WCP SP 2006; 1 African Games SP 2007 (2003-3); 2 African Games DT 2007 In 2008: 1 Cairo SP; 2 Egyptian SP; 2 African Champs SP/DT; 2 Romanian Open Champs SP; 1 Radès SP/DT; 3 Kuortane SP; 3 Cuxhaven SP; 2 Ústí Nad Labem SP/DT</p>							
1623	MARTÍNEZ Manuel	ESP	33y	251d	1974	20.39	21.47 -02
<p>("Manolo") ... 28x Spanish Champion (15 in & 14 out), though only third outdoors in 2007 2 WJC 92; 1 EJC 93; 1 Ibero-American 98/2000/2004; 1 ECP 2001/2003 (96/2008-4, 97-3, 2005-2); 4 WCH 2001 (93-11, 95/97/2003/2005/2007-dnq); 1 WSG 2001 (97-7); 1 EIC 2002 (94-4, 96/98-7, 2000/2005-3, 2007-dnq); 5 ECH 2002 (94-dnq, 98-7, 2006-9); 6 WCP 2002; 1 WIC 2003 (95/99-4, 97/2004-5, 2001-3, 2006-6); 4 OLY 2004 (96-dnq, 2000-6). 1 Spanish indoor 93-2002/2004/2005/2006/2007/2008 (93-98/2000-2006/2008 outdoors) ... missed Seville World Championships after damaging his knee playing basketball ... studied for four years at the Art Academy of Leon and now sculpts in his spare time... youngest of four brothers ... married Maria Teresa Fernandez on September 10, 2004, twin daughters Tilena & Erdaey born May 20, 2006 coach-Carlos Burón ... 1.85/132kg In 2008: 1 Spanish indoor; dnq WIC; 1 La Laguna; 1 Murchante; 5 Zaragoza; 1 Salamanca; 4 ECP; 1 Jerez de la Frontera; 1 Avilés; 6 Madrid; 1 Spanish</p>							
1645	PEETRE Taavi	EST	25y	41d	1983	20.15	20.30 -04
<p>European under-23 & World Student Games silvers in 2005 ... 9 WJC SP 2002 (dnq DT); dnq OLY 2004; dnq EIC 2005; 2 under-23 ECH 2005; dnq WCH 2005; 2 WSG 2005; dnq ECH 2006. 1 Estonian 2003/2004/2005/2006/2007 ... 1.92/125kg In 2008: 1 Estonian Indoor Cup; 4 Kuressaare; 1 Tallinn (May 23); 1 Kohila; 3 Tallinn (Jun 3); 1 Tartu; 1 Valga; 1 ECP 2nd League; 1 Kose; 1 Türi (Jul 6); 1 Türi (Jul 11); 1 Rakvere; 1 Karlstad; 1 Lappeenranta</p>							
1695	HÄGGBLOM Robert	FIN	26y	6d	1982	20.06	20.53 -07
<p>Fourth at 2007 European Indoor Championships ... 20.24i -08. 2 EJC 2001; 4 EIC 2007; dnq WCH 2007; dnq WIC 2008. 1 Finnish 2007/2008 ... 1.83/120kg In 2008: 1 Finnish indoor; dnq WIC; 4 European Throws Cup; 2 Tallinn; 1 Töysä; 1 Eurajoki; 4 ECP 1st League; 1 Hämeenkyrö; 1 Turku; 2 Kuortane; 1 Vaasa; 1 Finnish; 2 Lappeenranta</p>							
1756	NIARÉ Yves	FRA	31y	26d	1977	20.72	20.72 -08
<p>French record holder & 8x champion ... DT pb: 63.44 -07 (62.14 -08). 8 EJC DT 95; 11 WJC 96 (12 DT); 10 under-23 ECH 99 (12 DT); dnq WCH 2001/2007; dnq ECH 2006; 3 ECP 2008 (2000/2002-5, 2001-6, 2003-8, 2007-4). 1 French 2000-2005/2007/2008 ... parents were both throwers, coach/father Namakoro Niaré threw discus for Mali at the 1972 Olympics ... 1.95/124kg</p> <p>According to the French team book he dreams of being an astronaut and claims he can eat 20 pancakes in one sitting</p> <p>In 2008: 1 Ussel; 1 Versailles (May 4); 1 Versailles (May 18); 1 Forbach; 2 Savigny-sur-Orge; 1 Grenoble; 3 ECP; 3 Lille; 1 Metz; 7 Madrid; 1 French; 7 Monaco</p>							
1862	SACK Peter	GER	29y	19d	1979	21.19	21.19 -08
<p>Twice European Cup winner ... 3 EJC 97; 4 WJC 98; 9 under-23 ECH 2001; dnq OLY 2004; dnq EIC 2005; 1 ECP 2007/2008; dnq nm WCH 2007; 8 WIC 2008. 1 German 2007 (1 indoor 2008). His older brother Rene Sack was also an international shot putter ... coach-Klaus Schnieder ... 1.92/134kg In 2008: 3 Düsseldorf; 1 German indoor; 8 WIC; 1 Versmold; 2 Hengelo; 1 Neuwied-Engers; 1 Schönebeck; 1 ECP; 2 German; 5 Stockholm; 6 Monaco; 2 Wattenscheid</p>							
1896	BARTELS Ralf	GER	30y	175d	1978	20.60	21.36 -05
<p>2006 European Champion, winning in the last round ... former World & European Junior Champion 21.43i -06. 1 EJC 97 (95-4); 1 WJC 96; 6 under-23 ECH 99; dnq EIC 2002; 3 ECH 2002; 1 World Military 2002; 3 WCP 2002; dnq WIC 2003/2004; 8 OLY 2004; 1 ECP 2005 (2001/2002-4, 2003-5, 2004/2006-3); 3 WCH 2005 (2001-dnq, 2003-5, 2007-7). 1 German 2003/2004/2005/2006/2007/2008 ... 1.87/136kg In 2008: 2 Versmold; 2 Halle; 2 Neuwied-Engers; 2 Schönebeck; 4 Prague (Jun 16); 1 Gotha; 1 German; 1 Wattenscheid</p>							
1963	STAMATÓYIANNIS Mihail	GRE	26y	87d	1982	19.91	19.98 -04
<p>DT pb: 55.30 -04. 9 WJC 2000; 7 EJC 2001. 1 Greek 2004 ... coach-Thomás Kiriazis ... 1.88/108kg In 2008: 1 Greek indoor; 12 European Throws Cup; 2 Spárti; 1 Trípoli; 1 Athens; 2 Greek; 1 Pátra; 2 Thessaloníki; 1 Balkan Champs; 4 Nikíti</p>							
1997	KÜRTHY Lajos	HUN	21y	297d	1986	20.32	20.32 -08
<p>Double throws silver at 2005 European Juniors ... DT pb: 56.89 -06. 4 World Youth DT 2003 (10 SP); 12 WJC DT 2004 (dnq SP); 2 EJC SP/DT 2005; 5 under-23 ECH SP 2007 (9 DT); dnq WCH SP 2007. 1 Hungarian SP 2008 ... 1.91/123kg In 2008: 1 Zalau; 1 Onesti; 1 Romanian Open Champs; 1 ECP 1st League; 1 Pécs; 1 Bydgoszcz; 1 Balaton Champs (2 DT); 2 Cuxhaven; 1 Hungarian (4 DT)</p>							
2038	NIKFAR Amin	IRI	27y	225d	1981	19.94	19.94 -08
<p>Iranian record holder ... former Asian Indoor Champion ... 10 Asian Champs 2003; 1 Asian Indoor Champs 2004; 10 Asian Champs 2005. Graduated in 2004 from the University of California ... now a volunteer coach for the Northern Arizona University track and field team ... 1.90/135kg In 2008: 1 Tucson; 1 Tempe; 1 Stanford; 1 Azusa; 6 Mt SAC Relays; 3 Los Angeles; 5 Tucson; 3 Victoria; 2 Burnaby; 1 Flagstaff</p>							
2181	SCOTT Dorian	JAM	26y	225d	1982	21.45	21.45 -08
<p>Jamaican record holder ... 2005 Central American & Caribbean Champion ... missed 2006 Commonwealth gold by one centimetre 1 Central American & Caribbean 2005; dnq WCH 2005; 2 COM 2006; 5 WCP 2006; 2 Pan-Am Games 2007; fouled out final of WCH 2007; 6 WIC 2008. 1 Jamaican 2003/2004/2005/2006/2008. Was Florida State University ... stripped of his 2006 Central American & Caribbean Games gold after testing positive for a stimulant ... 1.93/105kg In 2008: 6 WIC; 1 Tallahassee (Mar 22); 1 Tallahassee (Mar 28); 2 Kansas Relays; 2 Drake Relays; 1 Kingston; 4 Doha; 1 Dakar; 1 Jamaican; 9 Madrid; 2 Stockholm; 6 London Grand Prix; 5 Monaco</p>							
2316	AL-HEBSHI Sultan Abdulmajeed	KSA	25y	173d	1983	19.60	20.61 -07
<p>2006 Asian Games Champion ... 12 World Youth 2001; dnq WJC 2002; 4 Asian Champs 2003 (2005-5); 1 Asian Games 2006; dnq WCH 2007; 1 Asian Indoor Games 2007. 1 Ukrainian 2007 ... 1.90/83kg In 2008: 1 Jeddah; 1 Qatif; 1 Riyadh; 7 Doha; 1 Lublin; 3 Biala Podlaska; 1 Ukrainian Cup</p>							
2340	URTANS Maris	LAT	27y	187d	1981	20.27	20.27 -08
<p>4x Latvian Champion ... dnq WJC 2000; dnq ECH 2006; dnq EIC 2007; 2 WSG 2007 (2005-9); dnq WCH 2007. 1 Latvian 2004/2005/2006/2007 ... 1.87/123kg In 2008: 1 Latvian Universities; 3 Turnov; 3 Halle; 2 Kohila; 1 Tallinn; 3 Prague; 3 Velenje; 3 Istanbul; 1 Cork; 1 Valmiera; 8 Monaco</p>							
2421	EMILIANOV Ivan	MDA	31y	177d	1977	19.84	20.08 -03
<p>Moldovan record holder ... 20.26i -00. dnq WJC DT 96; 12 WSG 99; dnq OLY 2000/2004; dnq WCH 2001/2007; dnq EIC 2002/2005; 10 WSG DT 2003; dnq WIC 2004/2008; dnq EIC 2005; dnq ECH 2006 ... 2.02/151kg</p> <p>He is the heaviest track & field athlete competing in Beijing</p> <p>In 2008: 1 Moldovan indoor; dnq WIC; 11 European Throws Cup; 1 Moldovan</p>							
2500	SMITH Rutger	NED	27y	37d	1981	20.80	21.62 -06
<p>World shot silver in 2005 & discus bronze in 2007 ... DT pb: 67.63 -07 (66.85 -08). 1 EJC SP/DT 99; 1 WJC SP 2000 (3 DT); 11 WSG DT 2001 (12 SP); 8 ECH SP 2002; dnq WIC SP 2003; 1 under-23 ECH DT 2003 (3 SP); dnq WCH SP/DT 2003; 2 ECP SP/DT 2004; 2 ECP SP/DT 2004; dnq OLY SP/DT 2004; 2 EIC SP 2005 (2002/2007-dnq); 2 WCH SP 2005 (2007-4); 4 ECH SP 2006 (7 DT); 3 WCH DT 2007; 5 WIC SP 2008. 1 Dutch SP 2000/2002-2006/2008 (1 DT 2002 -2006/2008). 1 AAA indoor SP 2004 ... 1.97/130kg In 2008: 5 WIC SP; 1 European Throws Cup SP (3 DT); 1 Lisse SP/DT; 1 Hoorn SP/DT; 4 Hengelo SP/DT; 1 Savona; 7 Berlin Golden League DT; 1 Leiden DT (2 SP); 1 Arnhem DT; 1 Dutch SP/DT; 5 London Grand Prix SP; 3 Monaco SP</p>							

2599	MAJEWSKI Tomasz POL	26y	350d	1981	20.97	20.97 -08
2008 World indoor bronze ... fifth in 2007 World Championships ... 4 under-23 ECH 2003; dnq OLY 2004; dnq EIC 2005; 1 WSG 2005 (2003-5); 8 ECH 2006; 5 WCH 2007 (2005-9); 3 WIC 2008 (2004-4, 2006-7); 2 ECP 2008 (2003/2004-4, 2006-6, 2007-3). 1 Polish 2002/2003/2004/2007/2008 (1 indoor 2004/2005/2006/2008) ... Political student ... coach-Henryk Olszewski ... 2.04/130kg In 2008: 1 Polish indoor; 3 WIC; 2 Doha; 1 Kedzierzyn-Kozle; 1 Moscow Open; 2 Warsaw; 2 ECP; 2 Lille; 1 Polish; 1 Madrid; 3 London Grand Prix; 1 Monaco						
Personal bests in the big events – such as Osaka 2007 & Valencia 2008, he also improved again recently at Crystal Palace						
2653	FORTES Marco POR	25y	323d	1982	20.13	20.13 -08
Portuguese record holder ... 2001 European Junior bronze ... 13x Portuguese Champion (7 in & 6 out) DT pb: 55.37 -07. dnq WJC SP/DT 2001; 3 EJC 2001; dnq EIC 2002; dnq WIC 2008. 1 Portuguese 2002-2006/2008 (1 indoor 2001/2002/2003/2005/2006/2007/2008) ... 1.89/127kg In 2008: 1 Portuguese Clubs indoor; 2 Valencia; 1 Portuguese indoor; dnq WIC; 2 European Throws Cup; 1 Lisbon; 1 Massamá; 1 Lisbon; 2 European Clubs Cup ; 9 Zaragoza; 1 Portuguese Clubs (2 DT); 8 Moscow Open; 3 ECP 1st League; 1 Portuguese						
2792	SOFYIN Pavel RUS	26y	345d	1981	20.63	20.63 -08
2006 European bronze 2006 European Cup winner ... 20.68i -06. 6 EJC 99; 7 WJC 2000; 2 under-23 ECH 2003; dnq WCH 2003; dnq OLY 2004; 8 EIC 2005; 4 WIC 2006 (2004-dnq); 1 ECP 2006 (2005-6, 2007-5, 2008-2); 5 ECH 2006; 10 WCH 2007; dnq WIC 2008. 1 Russian 2006 (1 indoor 2008) ... coach-Irina Buievskaia ... 1.98/120kg In 2008: 1 Russian indoor; dnq WIC; 5 Moscow Open; 5 ECP; 2 Madrid; 2 Russian; 1 Irkutsk						
2793	YUSHKOV Ivan RUS	27y	212d	1981	21.01	21.01 -08
2000 World junior silver ... 3x Russian Champion ... 2 WJC 2000; 5 under-23 ECH 2001/2003; dnq EIC 2002; dnq WIC 2004; 7 EIC 2005; dnq WCH 2005; 4 WSG 2005. 1 Russian 2004/2005/2008 ... coaches-Igor Brazhnik & Yelena Tiurbaieva ... 1.94/131kg In 2008: 2 Russian indoor; 1 Caucasus Cup; 1 Russian						
2802	LYUBOSLAVSKIY Anton RUS	24y	49d	1984	20.33	20.77 -07
2005 European under-23 Champion ... dnq WJC 2002; 2 EJC 2003; 1 under-23 ECH 2005; dnq WCH 2005; 3 WSG 2005; 8 WIC 2006; 12 ECH 2006; dnq EIC 2007. 1 Russian junior 2002/2003 & indoor 2006. Coaches-Lidia & Yuri Rybin ... 1.90/125kg In 2008: 8 European Throws Cup; 3 Caucasus Cup; 4 Moscow Open; 3 Russian; 2 Irkutsk						
2889	VODOVNIK Miroslav SLO	30y	338d	1977	20.43	20.76 -06
Slovenian record holder ... 20.68i -08. dnq WJC SP/DT 96; dnq WIC 2004/2006; 11 OLY 2004; 7 EIC 2007 (2005-dnq); 6 WCH 2007 (2003/2005-dnq) ... 1 Slovenian 2000-2008 ... 1.96/145kg In 2008: dnq WIC; 5 European Throws Cup; 1 Slovenska Bistrica; 1 Ljubljana; 1 Slovenian Cup; 2 ECP 1st League; 1 Velenje; 1 Slovenian						
2900	KOLASINAC Asmir SRB	23y	303d	1984	19.99	19.99 -08
6 WSG 2007. 1 Serbian 2008 ... 1.84/122kg In 2008: 1 Budapest indoor champs; 2 Balkan indoor; 2 Croatian winter; 3 European Throws Cup 'B'; 1 Novi Sad; 2 Podgorica; 1 Bar; 2 Split; 6 Belgrade; 1 Serbian; 2 ECP 2nd League; 2 Senta; 1 Serbian Cup						
2933	HABORÁK Milan SVK	35y	216d	1973	20.79	20.87 -04
Slovak record holder ... 4 WJC 92; dnq WCH 97/99/2001/2003/2007; 11 OLY 2000; dnq EIC 2002/2007; 10 ECH 2002 (98/2006-dnq); 7 WIC 2003 (2008-dnq). 1 Slovak 96/97/98/2001/2002/2003/2008 (1 DT 2000) ... Wife-Michaela Konopková (sister of international throwers Mikulas & Mirolav Konopka) ... doping suspension 2004-2006 ... 1.91/127kg In 2008: 1 Slovak indoor; dnq WIC; 1 Kosice; 1 Nove Mesto nad Vahom; 3 Dakar; 4 Zaragoza; 1 ECP 2nd League; 1 Slovak; 1 Pacov						
3000	CHANG Ming-Huang TPE	26y	8d	1982	19.55	20.20 -07
Chinese Taipei record holder ... dnq WJC 2000; 3 Asian Games 2006; 2 Asian Champs 2007 (2002-11); 3 WSG 2007; dnq WCH 2007; 4 Asian Indoor Games 2007; dnq WIC 2008 ... 1.93/130kg In 2008: dnq WIC; 5 Gotha; 7 Cuxhaven; 5 Wattenscheid						
3061	BELONOG Yuriy UKR	34y	159d	1974	20.41	21.81 -03
DEFENDING OLYMPIC CHAMPION, won in 2004 on countback over Adam Nelson ...has placed 3rd-4th-4th-5th-6th in World Championship finals DT pb: 65.53 -03. 1 WJC 92; 1 WSG 95/97 (2001-2); dnq EIC 96/98; 1 WIC 97 (95-5, 99/2003-3, 2001/2004-8); 1 ECP 2002 (96-3, 2006-5); 1 ECH 2002 (98-3); 5 WCP 2002; 3 WCH 2003 (97/2005-4, 99-5, 2001-6); 1 OLY 2004 (2000-5). 1 Belarus 2001 ... mother-in-law Valentina Karsak threw discus 63.92 in 84 ... 2.02/140kg In 2008: 1 Ukrainian indoor; dnq WIC; 5 Doha; 2 Dakar; 4 Belgrade; 6 Zaragoza; dns Tallinn; nm Ukrainian						
3091	SEMENOV Andriy UKR	24y	41d	1984	20.51	20.51 -08
DT pb: 57.43 -04. 1 European Youth DT 2001; 4 World Youth DT 2001; dnq WJC DT 2002. 1 Ukrainian under-23 SP 2006 & senior 2008 ... 2.04/118kg In 2008: 1 Koncha-Zaspa (Apr 29); 1 Koncha-Zaspa (May 20); 2 Belgrade; 3 Moscow Open; 2 Prague (Jun 16); 3 ECP 1st League; 2 Velenje; 4 Istanbul; 1 Ukrainian; 1 Thessaloniki; 2 Nikiti						
3146	CANTWELL Christian USA	27y	318d	1980	21.76	22.54 -04
Twice World Indoor Champion ... had the world's longest put of 2006, 22.45 set in Gateshead 22.40i -08. 2 Pan-Am junior DT 99; 1 WIC 2004/2008 (2006-dnq); 5 WCH 2005. 1 US 2005 & indoor 2007/2008. Studied hotel & restaurant management at the University of Missouri ... lives-Columbia, Missouri ... married international shot putter Terri Steer on October 29, 2005 ... coaches-Rick McGuire & Brett Halter ... youngest of five sisters & three brothers ... has four dogs including a bulldog named after Lance Armstrong and a miniature dachshund named after Mohammed Ali ... 1.95/150kg In 2008: 1 Warrensburg indoor (22.18, all six attempts were at 21.46 or further); 1 US indoor; 1 WIC; 1 Kansas Relays; 1 Drake Relays; 1 Modesto; 1 Carson; 1 Hengelo; 3 New York; 2 US Olympic Trials; 3 Stockholm; 4 London Grand Prix						
3208	NELSON Adam USA	33y	39d	1975	22.12	22.51 -02
Medals at every Olympics or World Championships since 2000, all but one silver 22.40i -08. 1 Pan-Am Junior 93; 1 WJC 94; 2 WSG 99; 2 OLY 2000/2004; 2 WIC 2001; 1 WCP 2002; 1 WCH 2005 (2001/2003/2007-2). 1 US 2000/2002/2004; 1 NCAA 97. 1 British Cup 98. Graduated from New Hampshire's Dartmouth College with a Bachelor's degree in government studies, now studying at Virginia's Darden School of Business ... lost 2004 Olympic title only on countback ... shoulder surgery June 2007 ... born-Atlanta ... coach-Carrie Lane ... 1.83/120kg In 2008: 1 Fayetteville indoor (22.40, third on world all-time list indoors); 3 US indoor; 1 Charlottesville; 2 Carson; 2 New York; 1 Eugene; 3 US Olympic Trials; 1 Stockholm; 2 London Grand Prix ... he's nursing a back injury						
3284	HOFFA Reese USA	30y	311d	1977	22.10	22.43 -07
Reigning World Champion ... had the world's longest put of 2007, 22.43 set in London HT pb: 60.05 -02. 9 WSG 2001; 1 Pan-Am Games 2003; dnq OLY 2004; 1 WIC 2006 (2004/2008-2); 2 WCP 2006; 1 WCH 2007 (2003-dnq). 1 US indoor 2006 & outdoor 2007/2008. Studied Health & PE at the University of Georgia ... lives-Athens, Georgia ... coach-Don Babbitt (same as Adam Nelson) ... married hammer thrower Renata Foerst on November 26, 2005 ... 1.80/141kg According to the US Team handbook, he would one day like to compete in a bear suit after being brought on to the track in a cage In 2008: 2 US indoor; 2 WIC; 1 Athens GA; 3 Drake Relays; 1 Doha; 1 New York; 2 Eugene; 1 US Olympic Trials; 1 London Grand Prix						

WORLD ALL-TIME LIST

1.....	23.12.....	Randy Barnes USA.....	1990
2.....	23.06.....	Ulf Timmermann GDR.....	1988
3.....	22.91.....	Alessandro Andrei ITA.....	1987
4.....	22.86.....	Brian Oldfield USA.....	1975
5.....	22.75.....	Werner Günthör SUI.....	1988
6.....	22.67.....	Kevin Toth USA.....	2003
7.....	22.64.....	Udo Beyer GDR.....	1986
8.....	22.54.....	Christian Cantwell USA.....	2004
9.....	22.52.....	John Brenner USA.....	1987
10...	22.51.....	Adam Nelson USA.....	2002

2008 WORLD LIST

1.....	22.12.....	Adam Nelson USA
2.....	22.10.....	Reese Hoffa USA
3.....	22.00.....	Andrei Mikhnevich BLR
4.....	21.76.....	Christian Cantwell USA
5.....	21.45.....	Dorian Scott JAM
6.....	21.26.....	Scott Martin AUS
7.....	21.19.....	Peter Sack GER
8.....	21.03.....	Zack Lloyd USA
9.....	21.01.....	Ivan Yushkov RUS
10...	21.00.....	Yuriy Belov BLR