

# BEST MARKS BY UNRANKED ATHLETES

(through the 2009 season)

How hard is it to make the *T&FN* World Rankings? In crafting our annual compilations we have long noted that just running fast or jumping/throwing high/far isn't enough. For graphic proof check out the following list of high-powered athletes.

These are the performers with the highest mark on the all-time list who were never quite good enough to make the World Rankings in that event (although they may have in another event). Specifically: that means not good enough to have ranked in any year, not just the year in which they recorded this mark.

The imposing list (if the best mark was made at altitude, then the non-altitude best is also given):

## MEN

100 ..... 9.93 .....Patrick Johnson (Australia) '03  
.....Ivory Williams (US) '09  
200 ..... 19.98 .....Jordan Vaden (US) '06  
400 ..... 44.20(A) .....Charles Gitonga (Kenya) '96  
..... 44.48 .....Kerron Clement (US) '07  
800 ..... 1:43.03 .....Kenneth Kimwetich (Kenya) '98  
1500 ..... 3:31.13 .....Mulugeta Wondimu (Ethiopia) '04  
Mile ..... 3:48.98 .....Craig Mottram (Australia) '05  
Steeple ..... 8:09.37 .....Abel Cheruiyot (Kenya) '03  
5000 ..... 12:51.95 .....Thomas Longosiwa (Kenya) '07  
10,000 ..... 26:57.08 .....Leonard Patrick Komon (Kenya) '08  
110H..... 13.17 .....Mike Fenner (Germany) '98  
400H ..... 47.93 .....Kenji Narisako (Japan) '06  
Mar ..... 2:06:14 .....Patrick Makau (Kenya) '09  
20W ..... 1:18:12 .....Artur Meleshkevich (Belarus) '01  
50W ..... 3:37:58 .....Xing Shucai (China) '05  
  
HJ ..... 2.38i ..... 7-9¾ .....Wolf-Hendrik Beyer (Germany) '94  
PV ..... 5.90 ..... 19-4¼ .....Jacob Davis (US) '98  
LJ ..... 8.71i ..... 28-7 .....Sebastian Bayer (Germany) '09  
TJ ..... 17.78 ..... 58-4 .....Melvin Lister (US) '04  
SP ..... 21.73i ..... 71-3½ .....Ryan Whiting (US) '08  
DT ..... 69.62 ..... 228-5 .....Timo Tompuri (Finland) '01  
HT ..... 82.40 ..... 270-4 .....Plamen Minev (Bulgaria) '91  
JT ..... 86.98 ..... 285-4 .....Yuriy Rybin (Russia) '95  
Dec ..... 8526 .....Francisco Benet (Spain) '98

## WOMEN

100 ..... 10.90 .....Glory Alozie (Nigeria) '99  
200 ..... 22.15 .....Shelly-Ann Fraser (Jamaica) '08  
400 ..... 49.49 .....Olga Zaytseva (Russia) '06  
800 ..... 1:56.21 .....Zamira Zaytseva (Soviet Union) '83  
1500 ..... 3:58.28 .....Elvan Abeylegesse (Turkey) '04  
Mile ..... 4:20.23 .....Gulnara Galkina (Russia) '07  
Steeple ..... 9:20.23 .....Mekdes Bekele (Ethiopia) '08  
5000 ..... 14:33.13 .....Gulnara Galkina (Russia) '08  
10,000 ..... 30:29.21 .....Philes Ongori (Kenya) '08  
100H..... 12.54 .....Nichole Denby (US) '08  
400H..... 54.02(A) .....Judit Szekeres (Hungary) '98  
..... 54.21 .....Ryan Tolbert (US) '97  
.....Shauna Smith (US) '05  
.....Christine Spence (US) '08  
Mar ..... 2:22:36.....Benita Johnson (Australia) '06  
20W ..... 1:25:20.....Olga Polyakova (Russia) '00  
  
HJ..... 2.00 ..... 6-6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> .....Daniela Rath (Germany) '03  
PV..... 4.72i..... 15-5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> .....Kym Howe (Australia) '07  
LJ ..... 7.20 ..... 23-7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> .....Irena Ozhenko (Soviet Union) '86  
TJ ..... 14.83i..... 48-8 .....Yelena Lebedenko (Russia) '01  
SP..... 21.05..... 69-<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> .....Zdenka Šilhavá (Czechoslovakia) '83  
DT..... 69.08..... 226-8 .....Mariana Lengyel (Romania) '86  
HT..... 73.83..... 242-2 .....Yelena Matoshko (Belarus) '08  
JT ..... 64.87 ..... 212-10 .....Kelly Morgan (Great Britain) '02  
Hept ..... 6551 .....Yelena Martsenyuk (Soviet Union) '88