

— Richards Back As T&FN Women's AOY —

2009 marked the fourth year in the last five that Sanya Richards has appeared in the Top 10 of AOY voting. No. 9 in her debut in '05, she then won in '06 before slipping to No. 8 in '07 before falling off the charts completely in the Olympic year.

But she came back with a vengeance in '09, moving all the way to the top in an interesting campaign which saw no fewer than five women earn No. 1 votes.

Sanya Richards' AOY Season

3:23.08..... 1)Penn R.....4/25
(50.52 anchor)
51.12..... 2)Kingston5/02
23.03..... 2)adidas Classic.....5/16
49.86..... 1)Eugene GP6/07
49.57..... 1)Berlin GP.....6/14
50.05..... 1)USATF.....6/27
(51.38h, 50.96sf)
49.23..... 1)Oslo GP.....7/03
49.46..... 1)Rome GP7/10
49.34..... 1)Paris GP.....7/17
49.00..... 1)World Ch.....8/18
(51.06h, 50.21sf)
3:17.83..... 1) "8/23
(48.44 anchor) (54.99 in heat)
48.94..... 1)Zürich GP.....8/28
48.83..... 1)Brussels GP9/04
22.29..... 2)WAF.....9/12
49.95..... 1) "9/13



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The 2009 voting:

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Total | |
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| 1. Sanya Richards | 16 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 285 | 89.1% |
| 2. Blanka Vlašić | 9 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | — | 240 | 75.0% |
| 3. Valerie Vili | 5 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 2 | — | 1 | — | 228 | 71.2% |
| 4. Anita Włodarczyk.... | 1 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 7 | — | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 207 | 64.7% |
| 5. Yelena Isinbayeva ... | — | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 4 | — | 1 | 188 | 58.8% |
| 6. Allyson Felix..... | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 177 | 55.3% |
| 7. Carmelita Jeter | — | — | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 100 | 31.2% |
| 8. Yargelis Savigne | — | — | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 4 | — | 5 | 99 | 30.9% |
| 9. Melaine Walker..... | — | — | — | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 53 | 16.6% |
| 10. Jessica Ennis | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 43 | 13.4% |

11. Olga Kaniskina 42; 12. Brittney Reese 28; 13. Marta Domínguez 21; 14. Brigitte Foster-Hylton 15; 15. Maryam Jamal 13; 16. Linet Masai 11; 17. Caster Semenya 10.