

— Geb's WR Attempt Falls Short —

by Sean Hartnett

Berlin, September 20—For the fourth straight year, Haile Gebrselassie came to the

“I’m not disappointed today,” he gleamed, putting his trademark smile over his dashed hopes. “I am so happy that I won my fourth

I wanted to run 1:27:45; that is the pace for 2:03:30. Of course we saw that it was too hot for a record. It has to be 16 or 17 [61–63 F] at most. But what would I gain by aiming for 2:04 or 2:05?”

Not much for a man who toes the line in almost every race thinking World Record. Gebrselassie and Kibet set off amid a pacing squadron tasked for a 61:35 opening half. Kibet shadowed the leader through an opening 14:30 before settling into more reasonable 2:57 pace through 10 (29:15) and 15K (43:58).

The pace picked up traversing the narrow, tree-lined roads that make Berlin so fast and before the match race took shape, it was over as Kibet’s hamstring tightened at 17K.

Kibet wasn’t the only casualty as one by one the pacers were dispatched by a steady dose of sub-2:55 kilos in the cool shade. Haile did his best Sammy Wanjiru imitation, passing 20K in 58:34, half-

way in 61:45, and by 25K (1:13:09) only John Kales and Sammy Kosgei remained of the pacing detail.

“When I started this morning, everything was perfect,” Geb recalled. “I was very happy with my preparation. It was perfect and as you can see my style was very good and the pacemakers were very good. I was thinking, ‘Ahh, this is very easy. Maybe today I will run

Geb’s own marathon WR was too much in the heat, but he did go out fast enough to claim the 30K record



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real-Berlin Marathon in top shape and intent on bettering the World Record. Twice he has gotten it right, cruising 2:04:26 in '07 and last year pushing his diminutive frame and massive smile under 2:04 by a second.

His fourth effort proved not to be the charm as the warm and sunny weather that prevailed during last month’s World Champs lingered on through September and baked off any reasonable chance for another 2:03 effort.

Not that the 36-year-old Ethiopian didn’t try. In fact he blitzed through 30K in a World Record 1:27:44 before the searing pace and warm sunlight of the city center left him struggling home in 2:06:08.

Berlin and that I learned a lot. I learned that the weather is most important.”

Indeed, Geb prevailed over the challenge of Duncan Kibet in a match race between the Ethiopian and Kenyan NR holders and the two fastest marathoners of all time. The WR holder seized the initiative even before the gun went off as he was intent on bettering last year’s pace despite the warm forecast.

“I knew that my tactics last year were perfect,” he noted. “I know that the marathon starts after 30K, and I was fastest over the final 12. I was pushing to my limit at the end and I could not finish faster.

“So if I was to improve on my record, it would have to be in the first 30 kilometers.

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2009 Men's World Leaders

(¶ = record performance; i = indoors) (marks in red made since our last listing)

100.....	9.58 ¶	Usain Bolt (Jamaica)
200.....	19.19 ¶	Usain Bolt (Jamaica)
400.....	44.06	LaShawn Merritt (US) (twice)
800.....	1:42.01	David Rudisha (Kenya)
1500.....	3:29.47	Augustine Choge (Kenya)
Mile.....	3:48.50	Asbel Kiprop (Kenya)
St.....	7:58.85	Ezekiel Kemboi (Kenya)
3000.....	7:28.37	Eliud Kipchoge (Kenya)
5000.....	12:52.32	Kenenisa Bekele (Ethiopia)
10,000.....	26:46.31	Kenenisa Bekele (Ethiopia)
110H.....	13.04	Dayron Robles (Cuba)
400H.....	47.91	Kerron Clement (US)
Half-Mar ..	58:52	James Makau (Kenya)
Mar	2:04:27	Duncan Kibet (Kenya)
.....	2:04:27	James Kwambai (Kenya)
20W	1:17:38	Valeriy Borchin (Russia)
50W	3:38:35	Sergey Kiriyapkin (Russia)
4 x 100.....	37.31	Jamaica
4 x 400.....	2:57.86	USA
HJ.....	7-10½ (2.40)i	Ivan Ukhov (Russia)
PV.....	19-10½ (6.06)i	Steve Hooker (Australia)
LJ.....	28-8¼ (8.74)	Dwight Phillips (US)
TJ.....	58-2 (17.73)	Phillips Idowu (Great Britain)
SP.....	72-8½ (22.16)	Christian Cantwell (US)
DT.....	235-0 (71.64)	Gerd Kanter (Estonia)
HT.....	270-11 (82.58)	Primož Kozmus (Slovenia)
JT.....	299-6 (91.28)	Andreas Thorkildsen (Norway)
Dec.....	8790	Trey Hardee (US)

2009 Men's U.S. Leaders

100.....	9.69 ¶	Tyson Gay (adidas)
200.....	19.58	Tyson Gay (adidas)
400.....	44.06	LaShawn Merritt (Nike)
800.....	1:43.83	Nick Symmonds (Oregon TC)
1500.....	3:32.56	Bernard Lagat (Nike)
Mile.....	3:51.34i	Bernard Lagat (Nike)
3000.....	7:33.15	Bernard Lagat (Nike)
St.....	8:14.69	Dan Huling (Reebok)
5000.....	12:56.27 ¶	Dathan Ritzenhein (Nike)
10,000.....	27:22.28	Dathan Ritzenhein (Nike)
110H.....	13.09	David Oliver (Nike)
400H.....	47.91	Kerron Clement (Nike)
Half-Mar ..	61:25	Meb Keflezighi (Nike)
Mar	2:09:21	Meb Keflezighi (Nike)
20W	1:26:15	Tim Seaman (New York AC)
50W	4:28:53	Philip Dunn (New Balance)
4 x 100.....	37.73	National Team—Zürich
4 x 400.....	2:57.86	National Team
HJ.....	7-8¾ (2.36)i	Jesse Williams (Nike)
PV.....	19-1 (5.82)i	Derek Miles (Nike)
.....	19-1 (5.82)i	Jeremy Scott (unattached)
LJ.....	28-8¼ (8.74)	Dwight Phillips (Nike)
TJ.....	56-7¼ (17.26)	Brandon Roulhac (Shore AC)
SP.....	72-8½ (22.16)	Christian Cantwell (Nike)
DT.....	224-8 (68.49)	Casey Malone (Nike)
HT.....	252-2 (76.86)	Jake Freeman (New York AC)
JT.....	275-2 (83.87)	Chris Hill (Georgia)
Dec.....	8790	Trey Hardee (Nike)

under 2:03.’”

Kales' calf tightened with fatigue in the 27th K and Geb and Kosgei crossed 30K 16 seconds under Takayuki Matsumiya's obscure 128:00 global standard from '05, with Geb taking the standard as intermediate records are awarded only to race finishers.

With Kosgei retiring, Geb pressed on alone still on 2:03:28 pace at 33K before his quest began to unravel.

“My problems started at 33 kilos after we left the shade and went into the sun,” he lamented. On the course, temperatures rose sharply in the sun and his pace followed.

“I lost my stride and the pace,” Geb recalled, admitting, “I knew the record was lost. When I tried to push and push, it didn't work as my body was feeling bad and would not respond.”

Demoralized and toasted, he staggered through the 35-39K segment in 15:56 and slowed even further to the finish. He still found some consolation in the win and 30K record.

“Sometimes people think only of the record, but winning is still the most important thing,” he said. “It was a good race, the spectators today were unbelievable and it is very special to win in Berlin for the fourth time. If I have to accept just the new 30K World Record, it's not bad. It's good for my collection.”

After a night of reflection the winner gave some perspective to his efforts: “I was training to run 2:03:30 and in this weather maybe this wasn't possible. But to break records you have to take some risks. You have to push ahead of what you think is possible.

“Let me assure you that if you don't take risks, you won't set many records. Maybe a 2:06 doesn't look good, but for me I learned a lot. Now I know that I can go past 30K under 1:28. Let me see what I can do next time.”

Kenyan Francis Kiprop came home 2nd in 2:07:04, 37 seconds ahead of Ethiopian Negari Terfa (2:07:41).

Women's winner Atsede Habtamu of Ethiopia enjoyed an even-wider winning margin than her countryman's 56 seconds as her 2:24:47 put her 1:37 ahead

of Russia's Silvia Skvortsova (2:26:24).

BERLIN MARATHON

World Marathon Major; Berlin, Germany, September 20 (temperatures above 20C/70F)—

1. Gebrselassie (Eth) 2:06:08 (14:30, 14:46 [29:16], 14:42 [43:58], 14:36 [58:34], 14:35 [1:13:09], 14:35 [1:27:44 **WR—old WR 1:28:00 Matsumiya (Jpn) '05**], 14:53 [1:42:37], 15:57 [1:58:34], 7:34) (1:01:45/1:04:23);

2. Fra. Kiprop (Ken) 2:07:04 PR; 3. Terfa (Eth) 2:07:41 PR; 4. Debele (Eth) 2:09:41; 5. Kering (Ken) 2:09:52; 6. Girma (Eth) 2:09:58 PR; 7. E. Wondimu (Eth) 2:12:28;

8. Fujita (Jpn) 2:12:54; 9. Takahashi (Jpn) 2:13:00; 10. Nyasango (Zim) 2:13:19 PR; 11. Ma. Kiptanui (Ken) 2:13:27; 12. Fekadu (Eth) 2:15:05; 13. Abyu (GB) 2:15:35

... dnf—D. Kibet (Ken) (14:30, 14:45 [29:15], 14:43 [43:58], 14:40 [58:38], 14:31 [1:14:09], 18:09) (1:01:56);

... rabbits—Kosgei (Ken) (1:27:44), John Kales (Ken) (1:13:09 20K), Kamzee (Ken) (1:14:08 20K), J. Ngolepus (Ken) (1:01:45 HMar), Kiyeng (Ken) (1:03:02 HMar), Samal (Ken) (1:04:17 HMar), L. Kibet (Ken) (43:59 15K), Kamais (Ken) (29:15 10K).

BERLIN WOMEN

1. Habtamu (Eth) 2:24:47 PR (16:56, 17:11 [34:07], 17:24 [51:31], 17:18 [1:08:49], 17:03 [1:25:52], 16:58 [1:42:50], 17:03 [1:59:53], 17:26 [2:17:19], 7:28) (1:12:29/1:12:18); 2. Skvortsova (Rus) 2:26:24 PR (17:26, 17:19 [34:45], 17:16 [52:01], 17:22 [1:09:23], 17:32 [1:26:55], 17:13 [1:44:08], 17:00 [2:01:08], 17:31 [2:18:39], 7:45) (1:13:34/1:12:50); 3. Deska (Eth) 2:26:38 PR; 4. Console (Ita) 2:26:45 PR; 5. Getaneh (Eth) 2:27:09; 6. Malot (Ken) 2:29:17 PR; 7. Aryasova (Rus) 2:32:17; 8. Nyetpei (Ken) 2:34:16 PR; 9. Neuschwander (Swi) 2:35:44 PR; 10. Haining (GB) 2:36:08;... 31. Mikecz (US) 3:00:53;... 47. Carson (US) 3:06:39;... dnf—Ribeiro (Por) (1:28:11 25K), Magarsa (Eth) (1:13:34 HMar).

— Major Track Results —

SZCZECIN

Szczecin, Poland, September 15—
100(1.4): 1. Powell (Jam) 9.82; 2. Carter (Jam) 10.10; 3. Frater (Jam) 10.23.

200(0.3): 1. Gay (US) 20.21; 2. Lawal-Balagon (GB) 20.85.

400: 1. Yusif (Sud) 45.64; 2. Tobin (GB) 45.95; 3. Hurtault (DMA) 46.15.

800: 1. Symmonds (US) 1:46.33; 2. Lewandowski (Pol) 1:46.82; 3. Bett (Ken) 1:47.18; 4. Kazi (Hun) 1:47.58; 5. Milkevics (Lat) 1:47.68.

110H(1.7): 1. Noga (Pol) 13.35; 2. Kiss (Hun) 13.41; 3. Sharman (GB) 13.41; 4. Svoboda (CzR) 13.44; 5. Wignall (Jam) 13.59; 6. Peremota (Rus) 13.81.

2009 Women's World Leaders

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100.....	10.64	Carmelita Jeter (US)
200.....	21.88	Allyson Felix (US)
400.....	48.83	Sanya Richards (US)
800.....	1:55.45	Caster Semena (South Africa)
1500.....	3:56.55	Maryam Jamal (Bahrain)
Mile.....	4:25.91i	Jenny Barringer (US)
St.....	9:07.32	Marta Dominguez (Spain)
3000.....	8:25.80i	Meseret Defar (Ethiopia)
5000.....	14:24.37i	Meseret Defar (Ethiopia)
10,000.....	29:53.80	Meselech Melkamu (Ethiopia)
100H.....	12.46	Brigitte Foster-Hylton (Jamaica)
400H.....	52.42	Melaine Walker (Jamaica)
Half-Mar ..	67:00	Mary Keitany (Kenya)
Mar.....	2:22:11	Irina Mikitenko (Germany)
20W.....	1:24:56	Olga Kaniskina (Russia)
4 x 100.....	41.58	USA Red-Cottbus
4 x 400.....	3:17.83	USA
HJ.....	6-9¾ (2.08)	Blanka Vlašić (Croatia)
PV.....	16-7¼ (5.06) ¶	Yelena Isinbayeva (Russia)
LJ.....	23-3½ (7.10)	Brittney Reese (US)
TJ.....	49-8¼ (15.14)	Nadezhda Alekhina (Russia)
SP.....	69-1½ (21.07)	Valerie Vili (New Zealand)
DT.....	217-2 (66.21)	Stephanie Brown Trafton (US)
HT.....	255-9 (77.96) ¶	Anita Włodarczyk (Poland)
JT.....	226-1 (68.92)	Maria Abakumova (Russia)
Hept.....	6731	Jessica Ennis (Great Britain)

2009 Women's U.S. Leaders

100.....	10.64	Carmelita Jeter (Nike)
200.....	21.88	Allyson Felix (adidas)
400.....	48.83	Sanya Richards (Nike)
800.....	1:57.84	Maggie Vessey (unattached)
1500.....	3:59.38	Anna Willard (Nike)
Mile.....	4:25.91i	Jenny Barringer (Colorado)
St.....	9:12.50 ¶	Jenny Barringer (Colorado)
3000.....	8:42.03i	Jenny Barringer (Colorado)
5000.....	14:47.62i	Shalane Flanagan (Nike)
10,000.....	31:13.78	Amy Yoder Begley (Nike)
100H.....	12.47	Lolo Jones (Nike)
400H.....	52.63	Lashinda Demus (Nike)
Half-Mar ..	68:05	Kara Goucher (Nike)
Mar.....	2:27:48	Kara Goucher (Nike)
20W.....	1:37:13	Teresa Vaill (Walk USA)
4 x 100.....	41.58	USA Red-Cottbus
4 x 400.....	3:23.08	USA Red Penn
HJ.....	6-6 (1.98)i	Destinee Hooker (Texas)
.....	6-6 (1.98)	Chaunte Howard (Nike) (thrice)
PV.....	15-10 (4.83)i	Jenn Stuczynski (adidas)
LJ.....	23-3½ (7.10)	Brittney Reese (Nike)
TJ.....	45-8 (13.92)	Shakeema Welsch (unat) (twice)
SP.....	62-9¼ (19.13)	Michelle Carter (Nike)
DT.....	217-2 (66.21)	Stephanie Brown Trafton (Nike)
HT.....	236-11 (72.21)	Jessica Cosby (Nike)
JT.....	209-9 (63.95)	Kara Patterson (Purdue)
Hept.....	6290w	Diana Pickler (Asics)

Field Events

HJ: 1. tie, Bednarek (Pol) & Rybakov (Rus) 7-6½ (2.30); 3. Williams (US) 7-4¼ (2.24);

4. Shapoval (Ukr) 7-4¼; 5. Nieto (US) 7-2½ (2.20); 6. Tereshin (Rus) 7-2½.

SP: 1. Cantwell (US) 70-6¼ (21.49) (67-7, f, 67-11½, f, 67-8, 70-6¼) (20.60, f, 20.71, f, 20.62, 21.49);

2. Majewski (Pol) 68-7¼ (20.91); 3. Mikhnevich (Blr) 68-7 (20.90); 4. Hoffa (US) 66-10¾ (20.39); 5. Sidorov (Rus) 64-1¾ (19.55).

DT: 1. Alekna (Lit) 224-10 (68.53); 2. Harting (Ger) 218-5 (66.58); 3. Kovágó (Hun) 217-11 (66.42); 4. Małachowski (Pol) 213-8 (65.14); 5. Harradine (Aus) 204-11 (62.46); 6. Marcell (CzR) 204-10 (62.45).

HT: 1. Ziółkowski (Pol) 252-8 (77.01); 2. Kozmus (Slo) 251-3 (76.58); 3. Pars (Hun) 248-7 (75.76); 4. Zagornyi (Rus) 245-10 (74.94); 5. Hakiłts (Cro) 236-7 (72.13).

SZCZECIN WOMEN

100(0.9): 1. Simpson (Jam) 11.29; 2. Williams (Jam) 11.46; 3. Jones-Ferrette (VI) 11.54; 4. Ziółkowska (Pol) 11.59; 5. Maduaka (GB) 11.71; 6. Balta (Est) 11.72.

1500: 1. Wurth-Thomas (US) 4:07.31; 2. Dobriskey (GB) 4:07.63; 3. Ejdys (Pol) 4:08.76; 4. Plis (Pol) 4:09.56; 5. Rostkowska (Pol) 4:11.04.

100H(0.9): 1. Wilson (Jam) 12.79 PR; 2. Kondakova (Rus) 12.94; 3. Claxton (GB) 13.07.

400H: 1. Walker (Jam) 54.86; 2. Lucas (Tri) 55.48; 3. Antyukh (Rus) 55.70; 4. Jesień (Pol) 55.77.

Field Events

PV: 1. Rogowska (Pol) 15-5 (4.70) (14-5¼, 15-1 [2], 15-5 [3], 15-10½ [xxx]) (4.40, 4.60 [2], 4.70 [3], 4.84 [xxx]); 2. Kiryashova (Rus) 15-1 (4.60); 3. Dennison (GB) 15-1 NR;

4. Polnova (Rus) 14-9 (4.50); 5. Pyrek (Pol) 14-5¼ (4.40); 6. Piowarska (Pol) 13-9¼ (4.20); 7. Ptáčníková (CzR) 13-9¼; 7. Hingst (Ger) 13-9¼.

LJ: 1. Jarrett (Jam) 20-11¾ (6.39); 2. Balta 20-7¼ (6.28).

HT: 1. Heidler (Ger) 236-11 (72.22); 2. Pchel'nik (Blr) 230-0 (70.10); 3. Klaas (Ger) 229-6 (69.95); 4. Lysenko (Rus) 225-1 (68.62); 5. Hrasnová (Svk) 223-1 (68.01).

SHANGHAI GP

Shanghai, China, September 20 (warm & humid)—

100(2.0): 1. Gay (US) 9.69 AR (old AR 9.71 Gay [adidas] '09) (2, =2W) (*Big Gold Book says worth 9.78 [=8, x W; x, =2 A] with zero wind/altitude*);

2. Powell (Jam) 9.85; 3. Patton (US) 9.89 =PR (=7, x A); 4. Carter (Jam) 9.91 PR; 5. Aikines-Aryeetey (GB) 10.13; 6. Collins (Stk) 10.22; 7. Burns (Tri) 10.25; 8. Wen (Chn) 10.36.

200(-0.3): 1. Spearmon (US) 20.57; 2. Collins 20.90; 3. Crawford (US) 21.04; 4. Brown (Jam) 21.06; 5. Li (Chn) 21.12; 6. Kimmons (US) 21.13.

400: 1. Merritt (US) 45.28; 2. Tobin (GB) 45.49; 3. Kikaya (Con) 45.63; 4. Neville (US) 45.94; 5. Sánchez (DR) 46.03; 6. van Zyl (SA) 46.38.

800: 1. Choge (Ken) 1:45.10; 2. Mulaudzi (SA) 1:45.68; 3. Som (Hol) 1:45.78; 4. Lewandowski (Pol) 1:46.12; 5. Bungei (Ken) 1:46.39; 6. Ngoepe (SA) 1:46.44; 7. Symmonds (US) 1:47.46; 8. Li (Chn) 1:48.38.

1500: 1. Laâlou (Mor) 3:34.19; 2. Kamel (Bhr) 3:34.94; 3. Ali (Bhr) 3:35.18; 4. Rono (Ken) 3:35.36; 5. Ndiwa (Ken) 3:36.41 PR; 6. Cheboi (Ken) 3:36.44; 7. Kombich (Ken) 3:36.45 PR; 8. Wolde (Eth) 3:36.74 PR; 9. Kemboi (Ken) 3:41.03; 10. Songok (Ken) 3:41.34.

110H(1.2): 1. Trammell (US) 13.15; 2. Liu (Chn) 13.15 (*first race finished since May '08*); 3. Shi (Chn) 13.34; 4. Johnson (US) 13.47; 5. Brown (US) 13.48; 6. Sedoc (Hol) 13.48; 7. Xie (Chn) 13.53; 8. Bownes (SA) 13.75; 9. van Kruchten (Hol) 13.98.

Field Events

HJ: 1. Manson (US) 7-5¼ (2.27); 2. tie, G. Ciotti (Ita), Harris (US) & Nieto (US) 7-3 (2.21); 5. tie, Tereshin (Rus) & Nuyens (Hol) 7-3;

7. Kindred (US) 7-3; 8. tie, Krymareno (Ukr) & Zhang (Chn) 7-1 (2.16);... nh—Williams (US), Norman (US).

LJ: 1. Phillips (US) 27-5¼ (8.36) (26-6¼, 27-5¼, f, f, p, p) (8.08, 8.36, f, f, p, p); 2. Mokoena (SA) 27-1¾ (8.27); 3. Reif (Ger) 26-6½ (8.09); 4. Sdiri (Fra) 26-6¼ (8.08);

5. Johnson (US) 26-3¾ (8.02); 6. Yun (Chn) 25-6¾ (7.79); 7. Gaisah (Gha) 25-6¼ (7.78); 8. Makarchev (Ukr) 25-3¼ (7.70); 9. Lapiere (Aus) 24-11 (7.59).

SHANGHAI WOMEN

100(1.2): 1. Jeter (US) 10.64 PR (WL, AL) (2, 3 W, A) (*BGB conversion worth 10.71 [x, 6 W, A]*);

2. Campbell-Brown (Jam) 10.89; 3. Sturup (Bah) 11.03; 4. Asumnu (US) 11.24; 5. Simpson (Jam) 11.30; 6. L. Williams (US) 11.43; 7. Tao (Chn) 11.54 PR.

200(1.4): 1. Felix (US) 22.37; 2. Mothersill-Modibo (Cay) 22.45; 3. Ferguson McKenzie (Bah) 22.45; 4. Jones-Ferrette (VI) 22.75; 5. Freeman (GB) 22.79; 6. LeRoy (Jam) 23.29; 7. Facey (Jam) 23.41.

400: 1. Williams (Jam) 49.83; 2. Williams-Mills (Jam) 49.85; 3. Montsho (Bot) 50.64; 4. Sanders (GB) 50.80; 5. Hargrove (US) 50.89; 6. McConnell (GB) 51.45.

1500: 1. Burka (Eth) 4:02.15; 2. Lagat (Ken) 4:02.96; 3. **Gezahegn (Eth) 4:03.47 (x, 7 WJ)**; 4. Jelagat (Ken) 4:04.44;

5. Chojicka (Pol) 4:05.81; 6. Roman (Slo) 4:06.15; 7. Melkamu (Eth) 4:08.10; 8. Clitheroe (GB) 4:08.31; 9. Alminova (Rus) 4:08.74; 10. Bisibori (Ken) 4:11.60 PR.

100H(-0.7): 1. Foster-Hylton (Jam) 12.56; 2. Harper (US) 12.56; 3. Felicien (Can) 12.73; 4. Wilson (Jam) 12.92; 5. Golding-Clarke (Jam) 13.10; 6. Carruthers (US) 13.22; 7. Kondakova (Rus) 13.27.

400H: 1. Walker (Jam) 54.68; 2. Morosanu (Rom) 55.11; 3. Jesien (Pol) 55.29; 4. Lucas (Tri) 55.31; 5. Antyukh (Rus) 56.11; 6. Kubokura (Jpn) 56.54; 7. Rabchenyuk (Ukr) 56.90; 8. Pa (Chn) 58.47;... dnf—Tosta (US).

Field Events

PV: 1. Isinbayeva (Rus) 15-11 (4.85) (15-1, 15-7, 15-11, 16-7½ WR [xxx]) (4.60, 4.75, 4.85, 5.07 [xxx]);

2. Rogowska (Pol) 15-1 (4.60); 3. Pyrek (Pol) 14-9 (4.50); 4. Golubchikova (Rus) 14-9; 5. Polnova (Rus) 14-9;

6. tie, Li (Chn) & Hingst (Ger) 14-5¼ (4.40) (Li PR); 6. Kiryashova (Rus) 14-5¼; 9. Schwartz (US) 13-9¼ (4.20).

TJ: 1. Lebedeva (Rus) 48-3½ (14.72); 2. Alekhina (Rus) 47-11¼ (14.61); 3. Aldama (Sud) 47-1½ (14.36);

4. Pyatykh (Rus) 46-5½ (14.16); 5. Liu (Chn) 46-2¾ (14.09) PR; 6. Nzola Meso Ba (Fra) 45-1¾ (13.76); 7. Smith (Jam) 44-0 (13.41).

TALENCE MULTIS

IAAF Multi-Events Challenge; Talence, France, September 19–20—

Dec: 1. Kasyanov (Ukr) 8291 (10.73, 25-4½/7.73, 50-2¾/15.31, 6-6¾/2.00, 48.62 [4405—1], 14.51, 144-6/44.05, 15-9¾/4.82, 163-2/49.75, 4:23.49 [3886]);

2. Pahapill (Est) 8255 (11.10, 24-3½/7.40, 46-1¼/14.05, /2.03, 50.08 [4138—5], 14.14, 159-1/48.48, 16-5½/5.02, 196-10/59.99, 4:42.26 [4117]);

3. Pappas (US) 8189 (11.09, 24-3/7.39, 52-½/15.86, 6-9/2.06, 49.96 [4267—2], 14.29, 155-8/47.44, 15-5¾/4.72, 202-8/61.77, 4:56.83 [3344]);

4. Pogorelov (Rus) 8146 (11.05, 23-10/7.26, 53-3½/16.24, /2.03, 50.92 [4196—3], 14.55, 152-11/46.60, 16-5½/5.02, 208-0/63.40, 5:03.60 [3411]);

5. van Alphen (Bel) 8070; 6. Raja (Est) 8034; 7. Sysoev (Rus) 7942; 8. Barras (Fra) 7909; 9. Gourmet (Bel) 7767; 10. Behrenbruch (Ger) 7758; 11. Arnold (US) 7540;

12. El Fassi (Fra) 7515; 13. Martineau (Hol) 7502; 14. Querin (Fra) 7462; 15. Bourguignon (Fra) 7388; 16. Logel (Fra) 7258.

TALENCE WOMEN

Hept: 1. Dobrynska (Ukr) 6485 (13.98, 6-1¼/1.86, 54-1/16.48, 25.01 [3881—1], 20-9¼/6.33, 142-2/43.34, 2:13.07 [2604]);

2. Yosypenko (Ukr) 6423 (13.69, 6-1¼/1.86, 42-4/12.90, 24.02 [3777—2], 20-3¾/6.19, 168-4/51.30, 2:17.82 [2646]);

3. Chernova (Rus) 6306 (13.69, 5-9¾/1.77, 38-8¼/11.79, 24.50 [3544—7], 21-½/6.41, 170-4/51.92, 2:15.39 [2762]);

4. Melnychenko (Ukr) 6056 (13.57, 5-10¾/1.80, 42-5¼/12.93, 24.81 [3645—4], 20-4½/6.21, 138-0/42.06, 2:22.59 [2411]);

5. Day (US) 6013 (14.06, 6-2¼/1.89, 43-2¼/13.16, 25.01 [3687—3], 18-1¼/5.78, 130-1/39.64, 2:15.70 [2326]);

6. D. Pickler (US) 5998 (13.60, 6-0/1.83, 39-½/11.90, 25.09 [3585—5], 20-¼/6.10, 129-5/39.45, 2:16.20 [2413]);

7. Nana (Fra) 5968; 8. De Aniceto (Fra) 5724; 9. Goncharova (Rus) 5687; 10. Züblin (Swi) 5650; 11. Kesselschläger (Ger) 5639; 12. Cachová (CzR) 5588; 13. Collonville (Fra) 5530.

— More Road Racing —

ROTTERDAM HALF-MARATHON

Rotterdam, Holland, September 13 (flat out-and-back)—

1. Kitwara (Ken) 58:58 PR (course record—old cr 59:12 E. Cheruiyot [Ken] '07) (4, 6 W); 2. J. Maiyo (Ken) 59:08 PR (10, x W);

3. Kwambai (Ken) 59:09 PR (11, x W); 4. B. Kipyego (Ken) 59:10 PR (12, x W); 5. W. Chebet (Ken) 59:15 PR; 6. Jo. Kiprotich (Ken) 59:23 PR; 7. R. Kipchumba (Ken) 59:32;

8. Ch. Munyeki (Ken) 60:18; 9. Wanjiru (Ken) 61:08; 10. E. Keitany (Ken) 61:14; 11. Guta (Eth) 61:21 PR; 12. R. Kipr. Cheruiyot (Ken) 61:22 PR; 13. Yator (Ken) 61:56.

(best-ever mark-for-place: 4–7)

Women: 1. de Knecht (Hol) 74:31.

PHILLY HALF-MARATHON

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 20 (out-and-back)—

1. Hall (Asics) 61:52; 2. Ndereba' (Ken) 61:56; 3. B. Limo' (Ken) 62:01; 4. Orare' (Ken) 62:22; 5. Sayenko (Wa) 65:04; 6. Cox (Ca) 65:09; 7. Dumm (DC) 65:41 PR;

8. Troop' (Aus) 65:42; 9. Mwaura' (Ken) 65:47; 10. McKeeman (Ca) 65:59;... 12. Forsys (Pa) 66:39; 13. Nuci (Ca) 66:59;... 15. D. McGrath (NY) 67:20.

PHILLY WOMEN

1. Ndereba' (Ken) 69:43; 2. Limika' (Ken) 69:46 PR; 3. Asiba' (Ken) 70:26; 4. Tulu' (Eth) 70:33; 5. Kimutai' (Ken) 70:43; 6. E. Lagat' (Ken) 72:25; 7. Jarzynska' (Pol) 72:27;

8. Fryburg (Co) 73:52; 9. Akbar (Va) 74:06; 10. Dita' (Rom) 74:47; 11. Chepkorir' (Ken) 75:37; 12. Ko (Md) 75:41 PR; 13. Duncan

(Pa) 77:58 PR; 14. Maxwell (NY) 78:26 PR; 15. McGregor (Pa) 78:41.

USATF 5K CHAMPS

Providence, Rhode Island, September 20 (\$30,000 USARC prize money, \$5K to each winner)—

1. Tegenkamp (Nik) 13:57; 2. Asmerom (Nik) 13:58; 3. Famiglietti (Sauc) 13:59; 4. Horn (Az) 13:59; 5. Lemoncello' (GB) 14:00; 6. Burrell (McME) 14:01;

7. Worku' (Eth) 14:05; 8. Eagon (Wi) 14:07; 9. Martinez (Co) 14:09; 10. Reid (Ca) 14:10; 11. Bruce (OTC) 14:12; 12. Trafteh (Ca) 14:14;... 15. Huling (Reeb) 14:25;... 20. Riley 14:39.

USATF WOMEN

1. Begley (Nik) 15:27; 2. Donaghue (Pa) 15:30; 3. Rhines (adi) 15:31; 4. Hall (Asics) 15:33; 5. Cullen' (Ire) 15:48; 6. McGregor (Reeb) 15:50; 7. Huddle (RI) 15:52;

8. Metivier-Baillie (Nik) 16:02; 9. Mortimer (Reeb) 16:05; 10. Kosgei' (Ken) 16:10; 11. Hastings (adi) 16:11; 12. Allen (McME) 16:23.

GREAT NORTH HALF-MARATHON

South Shields, England, September 20 (point-to-point, downhill; aided)—

1. Lel (Ken) 59:32; 2. K. Kimutai (Ken) 59:44 PR; 3. Gharib (Mor) 60:04; 4. Gebremariam (Eth) 60:59 PR; 5. Koech (Ken) 61:12; 6. Martínez (Spa) 62:36;

7. J. Torres (US) 62:42 (debut); 8. Dechase (Eth) 63:31; 9. Forrest (Aus) 63:41 (debut); 10. Chaïça (Por) 63:49;... 19. Brown (Can) 65:40;... 29. Barrios (Mex) 68:49;... dnf—Fagan (Ire).

GREAT NORTH WOMEN

1. Augusto (Por) 69:08 PR; 2. Adere (Eth) 69:42; 3. Félix (Por) 69:48 PR; 4. Chapple (Aus) 70:03 PR; 5. Kosgei (Ken) 70:11; 6. Cheruiyot (Ken) 70:28;

7. An. Rosa (Por) 70:30 PR; 8. Kidane (Eth) 71:18; 9. Barsosio (Ken) 71:45 PR; 10. Willis (Aus) 71:57; 11. Simon (Rom) 72:20; 12. Kálovics (Hun) 74:21;... 14. Aish (US) 79:02.

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