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8TH IAAF/EDF ENERGY WORLD HALF MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Birmingham, United Kingdom
11th October 2009



AVIVA GREAT BRITAIN & NORTHERN IRELAND TEAM MANAGEMENT

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MEDIA CENTRE

The Birmingham Repertory Theatre Ltd.
 Centenary Square (off Broad Street),
 Birmingham B1 2EP

Directly adjacent to start/ finish line, media
 tribune and mixed zone

Opening times:

Friday 9 October: 09:00 – 17:00
 Saturday 10 October: 09:00 – 21:00
 Sunday 11 October: 07:30 – 15:30

SUB CENTRE

City Inn Birmingham
 1 Brunswick Square
 Brindleyplace, Birmingham B1 2HW

Opening times:

Thursday 8 October: 15:00 – 21:00
 Friday 9 October: 09:00 – 21:00
 Saturday 10 October: 09:00 – 21:00
 Sunday 11 October: 06:30 – 08:30/14:30 – 20:30

TIMETABLE

TIME	SEX	EVENT	ROUND
Sunday 11th October			
09:00	W	Half Marathon	Final
09:30	M	Half Marathon	Final

AVIVA GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TEAM

MEN	WOMEN
Andi Jones (Trafford)	Alyson Dixon (Chester-le-Street)
Andrew Lemoncello (Fife)	Claire Hallissey (Bristol & West)
Mark Miles (Belgrave)	Gemma Miles (Kendal)
Gareth Raven (Sale Harriers)	Paula Radcliffe (Bedford & County)
Phil Wicks (Belgrave)	Rebecca Robinson (Kendal)

IAAF WORLD HALF MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND MEDAL RECORD (SINCE 1997)

YEAR	VENUE	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
2008	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil				
2007	Udine, Italy				
2006	Debrecen, Hungary				
2005	Edmonton, Canada				
2004	New Delhi, India				
2003	Vilamoura, Portugal	1			1
2002	Brussels, Belgium				
2001	Bristol, England	1			1
2000	Veracruz, Mexico	1			1
1999	Palermo, Italy				
1998	Zurich, Switzerland				
1997	Kosice, Slovakia				

IAAF WORLD HALF MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS - VENUES

Two editions since the events inception (Debrecen 2006 and Udine 2007) were known as the World Road Running Championships. Previous Championships have been as follows:

Venue	Dates
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	12 October 2008
Udine, Italy	14 October 2007
Debrecen, Hungary	8 October 2006
Edmonton, Canada	1 October 2005
New Delhi, India	3 October 2004
Vilamoura, Portugal	4 October 2003
Brussels, Belgium	5 May 2002
Bristol, England	7 October 2001
Veracruz, Mexico	12 November 2000
Palermo, Italy	3 October 1999
Zurich, Switzerland	27 September 1998
Kosice, Slovakia	4 October 1997

HALF MARATHON – RECORDS

World Record

Male: 58:33 – Samuel Wanjiru (Ken) – Den Haag, Netherlands (17 March 2007)
 Female: 66:25 – Lornah Kiplagat (Ned) – Udine, Italy (14 October 2007)

World Lead 2009

Male: 58:52 – Patrick Makau Musyoki (Ken) – Ras Al Khaimah (20 February 2009)
 Female: 67:00 – Mary Jepkosgei Keitany (Ken) – Lille, France (5 September 2009)

Championship Record

Male: 59:56 – Zersenay Tadese (Eri) – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (12 October 2008)
 Female: 66:25 – Lornah Kiplagat (Ned) – Udine, Italy (14 October 2007)

IAAF WORLD HALF MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND HIGHEST FINISHING POSITIONS (SINCE 2007)

YEAR	VENUE	ATHLETE/POSITION
2008	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Male – N/A Female: Wendy Nicholls – 40th
2007	Udine, Italy	Male – N/A Female: Michelle Ross-Cope – 40th
2006	Debrecen, Hungary	Male – N/A Female: Susan Partridge – 27th

Profiles for athletes not in the UKA Media Guide 2009

Name: Andi Jones
 DOB: 10/10/78
 Lives: Stalybridge
 Club: Trafford
 Coach: Bob Merrell
 PB: 64:22
 SB: 64:22

Andi Jones was the top British finisher at the Flora London Marathon in April 2009, clocking a UK lead time and personal best of 2:15:20.

He has had an outstanding year to date, recording lifetime best performances, in addition to the marathon, 3000m [8:19.31], 10000m [29:37.23], 6M [29:13], 15k [49:09] and half marathon [64:22].

Although achieving the UKA 'B' standard for selection onto the Aviva Great Britain & Northern Ireland team for the IAAF World Athletics Championships (marathon), he ruled himself out of selection as he was due to get married at that time.

Name: Andrew Lemoncello
 DOB: 12/10/82
 Lives: Flagstaff, USA
 Club: Fife AC
 Coach: Greg McMillan
 PB: 61:52 (downhill gradient)
 SB: 61:52 (downhill gradient)

US-based Scot Andrew Lemoncello has made clear his intention to step up to the full marathon distance - he intends to make his debut early in 2010 - and selection for the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships this year is a major step in that process.

He raced to an impressive 10000m best of 27:57.23 in Berkeley CA, USA in April, placing him third on the Scottish All-Time list, and most recently clocked a 5k road best of 14:00 in Providence RI, USA.

Earlier this year he raced to an impressive half marathon best of 61:52 at the Austin Half Marathon in Texas (overall downhill gradient), finishing third overall.

Name: Mark Miles
 DOB: 24/03/77
 Lives: Birmingham
 Club: Belgrave
 Coach: Dave Cannon/Bud Baldraro
 PB: 64:11
 SB: 64:11

Birmingham-based Mark Miles finished third (second British athlete) in the Bristol Half Marathon - the trial race for the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships - in 65:54.

He clocked a PB over the half marathon distance at the Wilmslow Half Marathon in March [64:11], his third consecutive victory in a positive start to 2009.

Mark will be joined by his wife Gemma in Birmingham, who is also on the Aviva GB & NI team.

Name: Gareth Raven
 DOB: 09/05/74
 Lives: Paul Roden
 Club: Sale Harriers
 Coach: Stalybridge
 PB: 64:28
 SB: 65:05

Gareth Raven was part of the Aviva GB & NI team at the European Mountain Running Championships in Austria in July 2009, finishing 27th overall and second GB & NI team scorer.

He finished fifth in the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships trial race in Bristol in September [65:05].

Name: Phil Wicks
 DOB: 14/03/84
 Lives: Cobham
 Club: Belgrave
 Coach: Matt Whiting
 PB: 62:51
 SB: 62:51

Phil Wicks has represented Aviva GB & NI teams in numerous track and cross country championships in recent years, picking up team bronze in the 2008 European Cross Country Championships in Brussels and finishing 20th overall in the European Cup 10000m in Madeira earlier this year (June 2009) in a lifetime best performance of 29:10.66.

In addition to the 10000m, he has recorded PB's over 5M [23:25], 10k [28:54] and half marathon [62:51] distances in 2009.

Name: Alyson Dixon
 DOB: 24/09/78
 Lives: Sunderland
 Club: Chester-le-Street
 Coach: Lindsay Dunn
 PB: 73:40
 SB: 73:40

Alyson Dixon recorded a half marathon PB of 73:40 when finishing sixth in the women's World Half Marathon Championships trial event in Bristol in September. It was a significant breakthrough for the Sunderland-based athlete who took almost a minute from her previous best.

Name: Claire Hallissey
 DOB: 17/03/83
 Lives: Bristol
 Club: Bristol & West
 Coach: Keith Brackstone
 PB: 72:03
 SB: 72:03

Claire Hallissey was the outstanding winner of the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships trial in Bristol, clocking 72:03 to go third in the UK for 2009 to date.

Having clocked PBs over 3000m (9:39.1), 5000m (16:24.27), 10000m (33:10.73), 5k

(16:16), 5M (28:02) and 10k (33:56) in addition to the half marathon in 2009, she's undoubtedly one of the form athletes going into the Championships.

Claire was part of the Aviva GB & NI silver medal winning women's team in June's European Cup 10000m in Madeira, finishing ninth overall in 33:17.13 - a PB at the time. She went on to better that with a fifth place finish - as first Brit - in the Aviva World Trials and UK Championships a month later (33:10.73).

Name: Gemma Miles
 DOB: 27/10/80
 Lives: Birmingham
 Club: Kendal
 Coach: Robert Ashwood
 PB: 73:13
 SB: 73:13

Gemma Miles - whose husband Mark will also race in Birmingham as part of the Aviva GB & NI men's team - was part of the Aviva GB & NI silver medal winning women's team in June's European Cup 10000m in Madeira, finishing 15th overall in 33:55.17.

Since then, she's recorded PBs over 10M (54:55), when winning the Reebok Sale 10 on August 2nd, and half marathon (73:13), finishing fifth in the World Half trial in Bristol.

Name: Rebecca Robinson
 DOB: 28/10/82
 Lives: Kendal
 Club: Kendal
 Coach: Norman Matthews
 PB: 73:11
 SB: 73:11

Rebecca Robinson, a doctor in the North East, took over a minute and a half from her half marathon best when finishing fourth woman in the World Half Marathon trial in Bristol in 73:11.

She has also recorded PBs over 5k (15:48) and 10k (33:38) in 2009 when winning the Lancaster 5k and Birchwood 10k respectively.

Start & Finish
 Paradise Circus

KEY
 Route
 Miles
 Visitor Attractions

Birmingham Library
 The site of the new library of Birmingham. The library will be a centre for learning, recreating a fresco, archive and the very best in technology.

Brindleyplace
 An award winning canal side development, Brindleyplace is a leisure and business destination which includes a theatre, a cinema, a pub and a shop. The Waters Edge area of Brindleyplace first opened in 1994 and up to two million people pass every year.

International Convention Centre
 Situated in the heart of the city, the ICC is the largest and most prestigious of the world including the in 1986.

Edgbaston Cricket Ground
 For over a century Edgbaston has been hosting first class cricket. The home of Warwickshire County Cricket Club and has recently hosted an Ashes Series match.

Canon Hill Park
 One of the greatest parks in the city, Canon Hill is home to beautiful flowerbeds, lakes, ponds and a diverse range of wildlife. With cycle routes, children's play areas and something for everyone.

Cadbury World
 Cadbury's chocolate began and flourished in the factory. Within the grounds is the tourist attraction Cadbury World which tells the story of how the Cadbury family brought us the chocolate we love today.

University of Birmingham
 For more than 100 years the University of Birmingham has been a key part of the city. The university has more than 26,000 students. The famous clock tower can be seen on the city skyline.

Birmingham Town Hall & Victoria Square
 Original opened in 1832 Birmingham's town hall and resided in 2007. The town hall is located in Victoria Square which was opened by the Princess of Wales following its over refurbishment in 1993.

Edgbaston Rd
 A441 Pershore Rd
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Streets: Moat Lane, Dudley St, Sherlock St, Lee Bank, Granville St, Broad St, Paradise Circus, Digbeth, Victoria Square, Edgbaston Rd, Moor Green, Bournebrook Rd, Bournville Lane, Cotteridge, Mary Vale Rd.

Other locations: Selly Oak, Edgbaston, Bournebrook, Bourneville, Cotteridge, Moor Green, Digbeth, Victoria Square, Edgbaston Cricket Ground, Canon Hill Park, Cadbury World, University of Birmingham.

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Birmingham City Council

The proposed route for the EDF Energy Birmingham Half Marathon will start on Cambridge Street near Paradise Forum and finish on Broad Street next to Centenary Square. The route takes in some famous Birmingham landmarks.