

















WILFRED BUNGEI

OLYMPIC CHAMPION
Beijing 2008
His season

Wilfred Bungei

♦ Wilfred is born the 24th of july 1980 in the village Kibirirsang, close to Kapsabet (45 km from Eldoret) in a house on the Nandi Hills (2.200 mt altitude), and has lived there a large part of his life.

He has frequented elementary school and high school, and has played and run much, like many of his friends. From early age he suffered from a bronchial sensitiveness.

Training of Wilfred Bungei as a junior

- He got his high school diploma in 1998.
- ♦ In '97 he started to train 4-5 days a week on a program with a lot of aerobic work, hill-training and short intervals (see program junior).

Training of Wilfred Bungei as a junior

- As a junior he ran mostly 400 m in 53".. at the age of 15
- ◆ 51".. at age of 16
- ♦ 49".. at age of 17
- ♦ His international career started at the age of 18, when he participated at the world junior champs of '98 in Annecy (France), where he finished second, with a time of 1'47"52. He finished his season with a PB of 47"80 for 400 m. In september '98 he participated in 3 minor meetings in Italy.

After a winter in Kenia he moved to Italy in the spring of '99 (Bussolengo-Verona) together with Yiampoy, to race and train.

- ➤ **1999** He finished the season with several times 1'46" and a PB of 1'45"10
- ➤ 2000 He won several meetings and brought his PB to 1'44"23

- 2001 He came in second behind Yiampoy at the trials and finished second at the world champs in Edmonton behind Bucher and third in Zurich with a P.B. of 1'42"96, and first at the Bislett-games in Oslo.
- 2002 He finished third at the world champs indoor in Birmingam. In the summer he won several meetings (Zurich (B-series), Berlin, Yokohama) e brought his P.B.

2003 Started with 1'43"05 at Hengelo, won the meetings in june, but didn't participate at the trials because of a bad faringitis with high fever. In august he trained at Davos and a week after the world champs in Paris, at the meeting in Brussels, he beat the WC-finalists in a formidable race with a time of 1'42"52. He won several other

- ➤ 2004 He won the trials and the meeting in Zurich in 1'43"06, he finished fifth at the Olympics. Right after that he won the meeting of Brussels in 1'43"48, and other European meetings.
- ▶ 2005 He won the trials and finished fourth at the world champs in Helsinki, and won a few meetings in spring en september. He finished the year with a SB of 1'43"70.

- 2006 He won some meetings and the world indoor title in Moscow, and established his SB of 1'43"31 in Rieti.
- ➤ **2007** He won the meeting of Doha with a S.B. of 1'44"14 and after that the trials, and despite a foot-injury in the beginning of august, he participated at the world champs in Osaka finishing 5°.

2008: Olympic year

- After a long period of therapy for his injured foot in the fall, he had a reasonable indoor season, with some wins (1'46"38).
- After a bronchitis in april and an oral infection (operation with the extraction of two wisdom-teeth and antibiotics and painkillers from half to end of may), he raced at Torino the 6° of june (1'48"96).
- He resumed his training and won the trials the 3° of july.
- He finished 2° in 1'45"06 at the meeting of Barcelona the 20° of july.

2008: Olympic year

- He went back to training and arrived in great shape at the Olympics in Beijing
 - > He won his series in 1'44"90
 - Semifinal in 1'46"56
 - > Final in 1'44"65.
- After celebrations in Kenia he participated at meetings of Lausanne, Brussels, Rieti, Poland, Shangai and Daegu (Korea), with positions 3°-7°-2°-2°- and first places in Asia in 1'44"63 (S.B.) and 1'47"02.

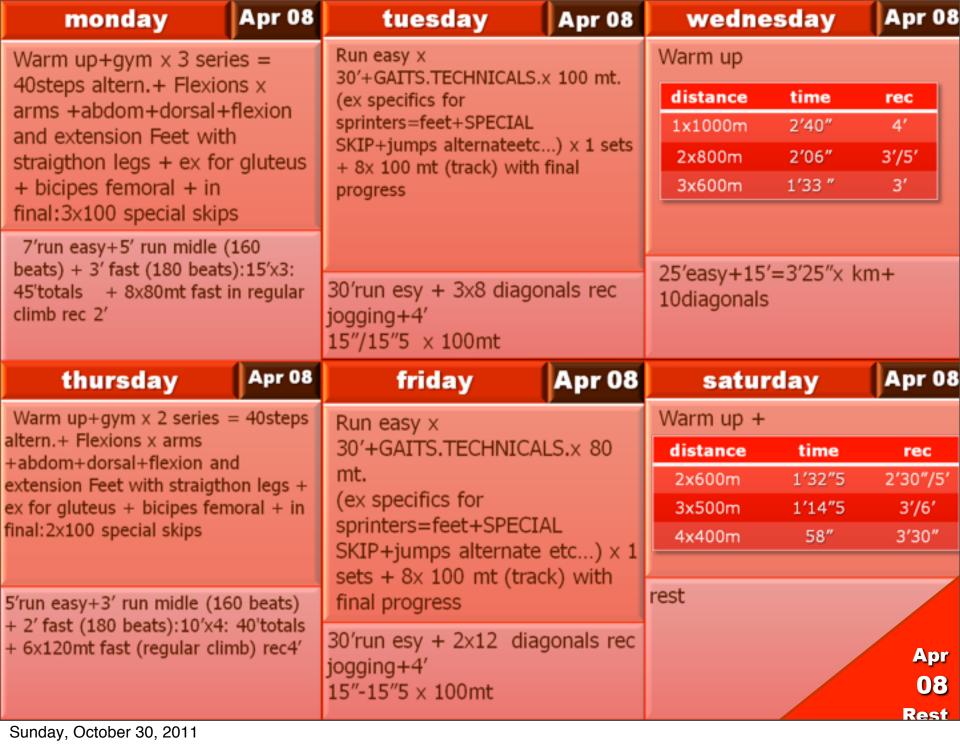
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