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MEN'S OPEN DIVISION



JACOB KIPLIMO | UGANDA

BIRTHDATE: November 14, 2000

AGE: 25

RESIDENCE: Uganda

PERSONAL BEST: 2:00:28 (London, 2026)

One of the best road racers in the world, Jacob Kiplimo returns to Chicago to defend his title. The reigning champion broke away at 18 miles last year to win the race by more than a minute and a half. His stock has continued to rise. In January of 2026, he won his third consecutive World Cross Country title at the World Athletics Cross Country Championships in Florida. Then in March, Kiplimo set the world record in the half marathon in Lisbon. Kiplimo ran a faster half marathon in Barcelona in 2025, but that world record run was not ratified due to the placement of the pace vehicle. In April, he ran the third fastest marathon time in history and the Ugandan national record with his 2:00:28 third place finish in the TCS London Marathon. In three career marathons, he has never finished lower than third. Prior to his move to the roads, Kiplimo won bronze medals in the 10,000m at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and 2023 World Championships. He also won gold medals in the 5,000m and 10,000m at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. At the 2016 Rio Olympics, he competed in the 5,000m at the age of 15.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2025 Chicago Marathon champion
- Former Half Marathon world record holder
- Third place, 2026 London Marathon
- Second place, 2025 London Marathon
- First place at 2026, 2024, 2023 World Athletics Cross Country Championships
- Eighth place, 10,000m at 2024 Paris Olympics
- Gold medalist, 10,000 & 5,000m 2022 Commonwealth Games
- Bronze medalist, 10,000m at 2022 World Championships
- Bronze medalist, 10,000m at 2020 Tokyo Olympics
- Fifth place, 5000m at 2020 Tokyo Olympics

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/26/26	London Marathon	3rd	2:00:28
03/08/26	Lisbon Half Marathon	1st	57:20
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	1st	2:02:23
08/25/25	Buenos Aires Half Marathon	1st	58:29
04/27/25	London Marathon	2nd	2:03:37
02/16/25	Barcelona Half Marathon	1st	56:42
09/15/24	Copenhagen Half Marathon	2nd	58:09
03/19/23	New York City Half Marathon	1st	1:01:31
09/11/22	Great North Run Half Marathon	1st	59:33



AMOS KIPRUTO | KENYA

BIRTHDATE: September 16, 1992

AGE: 34

RESIDENCE: Kenya

PERSONAL BEST: 2:01:39 (London, 2026)

Amos Kipruto has been inching his way toward the top of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon podium. He was third in 2024 and second in 2025. The 2022 London Marathon champion returns as the sixth fastest man in history following his 2:01:29 finish in London this year. Just like last year's Chicago Marathon, the man right in front of him was Jacob Kiplimo. Kipruto has raced sparingly outside of the Abbott World Marathon Majors, where he also has runner-up and third place finishes in the Tokyo Marathon. In 2019, he won the bronze medal at the 2019 World Championship Marathon and represented Kenya in the 2020 Tokyo Games, but did not finish the marathon.

Early in his career, he won marathons in Rome and Seoul. Kipruto trains with 2022 Chicago champion Benson Kipruto (no relation) and Boston and New York City winner Evans Chebet.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Fourth place, 2026 London Marathon
- Second place, 2025 Chicago Marathon
- 2025 Haspa Marathon Hamburg champion
- Third place, 2024 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- 2022 London Marathon champion
- Runner-up, 2022 Tokyo Marathon
- 2021 Olympian, Marathon
- Bronze medalist, 2019 World Championship Marathon
- Runner-up, 2018 Berlin Marathon
- Third place, 2018 Tokyo Marathon
- 2017 Seoul Marathon champion
- 2016 Rome Marathon champion

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/26/26	London Marathon	4th	2:01:39
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	2nd	2:03:54
04/27/25	Hamburg Marathon	1st	2:03:46
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	3rd	2:04:50
09/24/23	Berlin Marathon	7th	2:04:49
10/02/22	London Marathon	1st	2:04:39
03/06/22	Tokyo Marathon	2nd	2:03:13
12/06/20	Valencia Marathon	4th	2:03:30
03/01/20	Tokyo Marathon	18th	2:08:00
10/05/19	World Championship Marathon	3rd	2:10:51
05/05/19	Prague Marathon	3rd	2:06:46
09/16/18	Berlin Marathon	2nd	2:06:23
02/25/18	Tokyo Marathon	3rd	2:06:33
03/19/17	Seoul Marathon	1st	2:05:54
04/10/16	Rome Marathon	1st	2:08:12



MILKESA MENGESHA | ETHIOPIA

BIRTHDATE: APRIL 16, 2000

AGE: 26

RESIDENCE: Ethiopia

PERSONAL BEST: 2:03:17 (Berlin, 2024)

A once-promising teenage star, Milkesa Mengesha is now a familiar face and frequent challenger in the Abbott World Marathon Majors. Mengesha claimed his first victory at the 2024 Berlin Marathon, pulling away in the final meters to win by just five seconds. He returned to the top of the podium last year, winning the Shanghai Marathon in convincing fashion. Mengesha will race his second U.S. major in Chicago after finishing 10th at the Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America earlier this year.

The Ethiopian started his career with a fourth place finish in the 3000m at the 2017 World U18 Championships. He was the junior champion at the 2019 World Cross Country championships. Mengesha trains in Addis Ababa.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2025 Shanghai Marathon champion
- 2024 Berlin Marathon champion
- 2019 World Athletics Cross Country Championships, junior champion
- Sixth place at the 2023 World Athletics Championships marathon
- Fourth place, 2017 World U18 Championships, 3000m

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	10th	2:05:35
11/30/25	Shanghai Marathon	1st	2:06:25
04/27/25	London Marathon	10th	2:09:01
09/29/24	Berlin Marathon	1st	2:03:17
08/27/23	World Championships Marathon	6th	2:10:43
04/02/23	Daegu International Marathon	1st	2:06:49
12/04/22	Valencia Marathon	7th	2:05:29



TADESE TAKELE BIKILA | ETHIOPIA

BIRTHDATE: August 3, 2002

AGE: 24

RESIDENCE: Ethiopia

PERSONAL BEST: 2:03:23 (Tokyo, 2025)

The back-to-back Tokyo Marathon winner, Tadesse Takele Bikila comes to North America to race for the first time. A 2020 Olympian in the steeplechase, Takele has made a successful transition to the roads, finishing third in his debut in Berlin in 2023 and winning Tokyo in 2025 and 2026. His 2026 victory ended with a sprint finish with Bikila's margin of victory being less than one second. Takele represented Ethiopia in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the Tokyo Olympic Games and won silver medals at both the 2021 World Athletics U20 Championships and the 2022 African Championships.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2026 Tokyo Marathon champion
- 2025 Tokyo Marathon champion
- Seventh place, 2024 Berlin Marathon
- Third place, 2023 Berlin Marathon
- Silver medalist, 2022 African Championships, 3,000m steeplechase
- Silver medalist, 2021 World Athletics U20 Championships, 3,000m steeplechase
- Represented Ethiopia at the Tokyo Olympic Games in the 3,000m steeplechase

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/01/26	Tokyo Marathon	1st	2:03:37
03/02/25	Tokyo Marathon	1st	2:03:23
09/29/24	Berlin Marathon	7th	2:05:13
09/24/23	Berlin Marathon	3rd	2:03:24



BASHIR ABDI | BELGIUM

BIRTHDATE: February 10, 1989

AGE: 37

RESIDENCE: Belgium

PERSONAL BEST: 2:03:36 (Rotterdam, 2021)

Bashir Abdi returns to Chicago for the second consecutive year and for the fourth time in his career. Along with his 10th place finish here in 2025, Abdi has also scored fifth and third place finishes at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Plagued by a foot injury for the majority of 2025, the Olympic silver and bronze medalist went back to Rotterdam this spring, where he's twice been the champion, and grabbed another podium finish, crossing the line in third place. The European record holder and Belgian national record holder in the marathon, Abdi also has a bronze medal from the 2022 World Championship marathon to go along with his bronze from Tokyo 2020 and

silver from Paris 2024. Abdi was born in Somalia, but moved to Belgium as a child. He's coached by Gary Lough, husband of 2002 Chicago champion Paula Radcliffe. Abdi is married with two children.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Third place, 2026 Rotterdam Marathon
- Silver medalist, 2024 Olympic Marathon
- Third place, 2023 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- Bronze medalist, 2022 World Athletics Championship, marathon
- 2021 and 2023 Rotterdam Marathon champion
- Third place, 2022 TCS London Marathon
- Runner-up, 2020 Tokyo Marathon
- Bronze medalist, 2020 Olympic Marathon
- 2018 European Championships silver medalist, 10,000m
- 2016 Olympian, 5000m & 10,000m

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/12/26	Rotterdam Marathon	3rd	2:04:19
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	10th	2:07:08
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	9th	2:10:39
08/10/24	Paris Olympic Marathon	2nd	2:06:47
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	3rd	2:04:32
04/16/23	Rotterdam Marathon	1st	2:03:47
03/12/23	Belgian Half Marathon Championships	1st	59:51
10/02/22	London Marathon	3rd	2:05:19
07/12/22	World Championship Marathon	3rd	2:06:48
04/10/22	Rotterdam Marathon	4th	2:05:23
10/24/21	Rotterdam Marathon	1st	2:03:36
08/08/21	Tokyo Olympic Marathon	3rd	2:10:00
03/01/20	Tokyo Marathon	2nd	2:04:49
10/13/19	Chicago Marathon	5th	2:06:14
04/28/19	London Marathon	7th	2:07:03



DANIEL MATEIKO | KENYA

BIRTHDATE: August 4, 1998
AGE: 28
RESIDENCE: Kenya
PERSONAL BEST: 2:03:44 (Tokyo, 2026)

Daniel Mateiko returns to Chicago looking to build on a long awaited breakthrough. Mateiko made his marathon debut in Chicago in 2023, pacing the world record of the late Kelvin Kiptum, but stepped off the course just after 30K. Just over a year later, he established himself as a top competitor with a third-place finish in Valencia. He has continued that momentum in 2026, setting a lifetime best of 2:03:44 with a fourth-place finish at the Tokyo Marathon.

Before moving to the marathon, Mateiko was making a name for himself in the half marathon. He won the 2024 Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon in 58:45. On the track, Mateiko competed for Kenya in the 10,000m at the 2024 Paris Olympics and the 2022 World Championships.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Fourth place, 2026 Tokyo Marathon
- Third place, 2024 Valencia Marathon
- Winner, 2024 Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon
- Third place, 2022 Valencia Half Marathon
- 10th, 2024 Olympic 10,000m
- 8th, 2022 World Championship 10,000m

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/01/26	Tokyo Marathon	4th	2:03:44
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	9th	2:07:52
12/01/24	Valencia Marathon	3rd	2:04:24
02/24/24	Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon	1st	58:45
10/23/22	Valencia Half Marathon	3rd	58:40



ASRAR HIYRDEN | ETHIOPIA

BIRTHDATE: November 25, 1999

AGE: 26

RESIDENCE: Ethiopia

PERSONAL BEST: 2:03:59 (Seville, 2026)

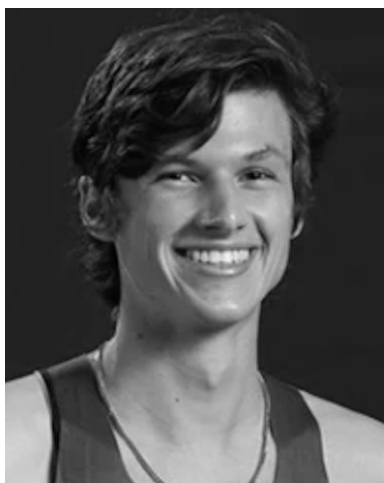
Asrar Hiyrden’s last marathon ended in a photo finish. His time of 2:03:59 at the Seville Marathon in February was the exact same time given to Shura Kitata. Kitata’s lean handed him the victory. Still, Hiyrden recorded the best performance of his career and dipped under 2:04:00 for the first time. It’s not the first time Hiyrden has had success in Seville. He won there in 2022. Hiyrden also has a runner-up finish in Abu Dhabi in 2025. Chicago will mark his first time competing in North America.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Runner-up, 2026 Seville Marathon
- 2022 Seville Marathon champion
- Runner-up, 2025 Abu Dhabi Marathon

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/15/26	Seville Marathon	2nd	2:03:59
12/14/25	Abu Dhabi Marathon	2nd	2:08:09
10/15/23	Amsterdam Marathon	13th	2:09:25
02/20/22	Seville Marathon	1st	2:04:43
10/17/21	Amsterdam Marathon	12th	2:07:33



CHARLES HICKS | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: July 25, 2001

AGE: 25

RESIDENCE: Eugene, Oregon

PERSONAL BEST: 2:04:35 (Boston, 2026)

Only one American man has ever recorded a faster marathon time than Charles Hicks, and it happened in the same race as Hicks's. In just his second marathon, Hicks ran 2:04:35, lowering his personal best by more than five minutes after making his debut in New York the previous fall. Less than a minute ahead of him was Zouhair Talbi, also a newly-minted American citizen. While Boston's point-to-point course makes it ineligible for American record purposes, the performance was a statement. Born in England, Hicks represented Great Britain throughout his junior and collegiate career before switching allegiance earlier this year. At Stanford University, Hicks won the 2022 NCAA cross country title and captured multiple All-America honors. Hicks also won back-to-back European U23 Cross Country titles in 2021 and 2022. He trains with Nike's Swoosh TC in Eugene, Oregon and is coached by Jerry Schumacher.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Seventh place, 2026 Boston Marathon
- Second-fastest marathon ever run by an American
- Sixth place, 2025 New York City Marathon
- 2022 NCAA Cross Country champion (Stanford)
- 2021 and 2022 European U23 Cross Country champion
- Represented Great Britain before becoming eligible to compete for the United States in 2026

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	7th	2:04:35
03/01/25	Atlanta Half Marathon	4th	1:02:10
11/02/25	New York City Marathon	6th	2:09:59
04/06/25	Cherry Blossom 10 Mile	1st	45:14



SUGURU OSAKO | JAPAN

BIRTHDATE: May 23, 1991
AGE: 35
RESIDENCE: Tokyo, Japan
PERSONAL BEST: 2:04:55 (Valencia, 2025)

Japan’s national record holder in the marathon, Suguru Osako returns to Chicago for the third time looking to replicate or improve his third place finish in 2018. He broke the Japanese record for the first time in that race, winning 100 million yen (\$900,000 USD). Last December in Valencia, Osako lowered the record to 2:04:55, becoming the first Japanese man to break 2:05. He opened his 2026 campaign by finishing 12th and as the top Japanese finisher at the Tokyo Marathon. Osako is a three-time Olympian. He represented Japan in the 5,000m and 10,000m at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games before competing in the marathon in the Tokyo 2020 Games. He

briefly retired following the Olympics, but quickly returned with a fifth place finish in New York the following year. He competed in the Olympic Marathon again in the Paris 2024 Games. Osako ran collegiately at Waseda University. He and his wife, Hashimoto, have two daughters.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Fourth place, 2025 Valencia Marathon
- Japanese national record holder in the marathon and 5,000m
- Three-time Olympian (2016, 2020, 2024)
- Fourth place, 2020 Tokyo Marathon
- Third place, 2018 Chicago Marathon

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/01/26	Tokyo Marathon	12th	2:05:59
12/07/25	Valencia Marathon	4th	2:04:55
12/08/24	Honolulu Marathon	4th	2:16:37
08/10/24	Paris Olympic Marathon	13th	2:09:25
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	13th	2:11:44
03/05/23	Tokyo Marathon	9th	2:06:13
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	5th	2:11:31
08/08/21	Tokyo Olympic Marathon	6th	2:10:41
03/01/20	Tokyo Marathon	4th	2:05:29
10/07/18	Chicago Marathon	3rd	2:05:50
12/03/17	Fukuoka Marathon	3rd	2:07:19
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	3rd	2:10:28



CLAYTON YOUNG | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: September 14, 1993
AGE: 33
RESIDENCE: American Fork, Utah
PERSONAL BEST: 2:05:41 (Boston, 2026)

For the last five years, Clayton Young has been one of America’s most consistent marathon runners. He returns to Chicago for the first time since 2023 and for the fourth time in his career. 2026 has already seen Young lower his personal best with his 2:05:41 11th place finish at the Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America in April. That followed ninth place finishes in both the 2025 World Championship Marathon and 2024 Olympic Marathon. A graduate of Brigham Young University and the 2019 NCAA 10,000m champion, Young ran 2:08:00 for seventh place at the 2023 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. He followed that performance by finishing second at the 2024 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials to qualify for Team USA. He trains with American record holder Conner Mantz and lives in Utah with his wife Ashley and their two daughters.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Personal best of 2:05:41 at the 2026 Boston Marathon
- Ninth place, 2025 World Athletics Championships marathon
- Ninth place, 2024 Olympic Marathon
- Runner-up, 2024 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials
- Seventh place, 2023 Chicago Marathon (second American)
- 2023 USATF 8km and 20 km national champion
- 2019 NCAA 10,000m champion for BYU

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	11th	2:05:41
09/15/25	World Athletics Championships Marathon	9th	2:10:43
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	7th	2:07:04
01/29/25	Houston Half Marathon	10th	1:00:52
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	7th	2:09:21
08/10/24	Paris Olympic Marathon	9th	2:08:44
02/03/24	U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials	2nd	2:09:06
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	7th	2:08:00
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	18th	2:11:51
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	13th	2:16:07



GALEN RUPP | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: May 8, 1986

AGE: 40

RESIDENCE: Portland, Oregon

PERSONAL BEST: 2:06:07 (Prague, 2018)

A fan favorite in Chicago, Galen Rupp is one of the most accomplished distance runners in American history. Included on his resume is the 2017 Bank of America Chicago Marathon victory along with a runner-up finish in 2021. He is the last American man to win here. Rupp is a four-time Olympian and two-time Olympic medalist. He won silver in the 10,000m at the 2012 London Games before becoming the first American man in 40 years to medal in the Olympic marathon, earning bronze in Rio in 2016. Prior to Rio, Rupp won the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Marathon in his debut at the distance. He won the trials again in 2020. Rupp is enjoying a resurgence

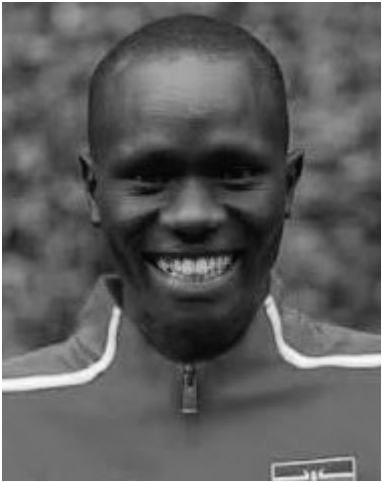
in 2026, running 2:08:15 at the Boston Marathon—his fastest marathon since 2021. Before moving to the marathon, he dominated U.S. distance running on the track, winning 11 national titles and setting American records in the 10,000m and indoor 3,000m, two-mile, and 5,000m. He attended the University of Oregon, where he won two NCAA titles. Rupp and his wife, Keara, have four children.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Olympic bronze medalist, marathon (2016)
- Olympic silver medalist, 10,000m (2012)
- Four-time Olympian (2008, 2012, 2016, 2020)
- 2016, 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Marathon champion
- Runner-up, 2021 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- 2017 Bank of America Chicago Marathon champion
- 2018 Prague Marathon champion
- 11-time U.S. national champion
- Former American record holder in the 10,000m and indoor 3,000m, two-mile and 5,000m

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	22nd	2:08:15
01/11/26	Houston Half Marathon	27th	1:02:01
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	16th	2:09:41
02/03/24	U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials	16th	2:14:07
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	8th	2:08:48
07/17/22	World Athletics Championships Marathon	19th	2:09:36
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	2nd	2:06:35
08/08/21	Tokyo Olympic Marathon	8th	2:11:41
04/26/20	U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials	1st	2:09:20
10/07/18	Chicago Marathon	5th	2:06:21
05/06/18	Prague Marathon	1st	2:06:07
10/08/17	Chicago Marathon	1st	2:09:20
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	2nd	2:09:58
08/21/16	Rio Olympic Marathon	3rd	2:10:05
02/13/16	U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials	1st	2:11:13



BRIAN KIBOR | KENYA

BIRTHDATE: October 10, 2001

AGE: 25

RESIDENCE: Kenya

MARATHON DEBUT

HALF MARATHON PERSONAL BEST: 58:39 (Valencia, 2025)

Brian Kibor makes his marathon debut in Chicago after showing his potential in the half marathon and 10K distance. The Kenyan enjoyed a breakout 2025 season, lowering his half marathon best to 58:39 in Valencia. He also posted a personal best of 27:05 for 10K on the roads and 27:29.38 for 10,000m on the track. Kibor continued his trajectory in 2026 by winning the Santa Pola Half Marathon in Spain.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Personal best of 58:39 in the half marathon
- Personal best of 27:05 for 10K on the roads
- Personal best of 27:29.38 for 10,000m

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/14/26	Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon	9th	1:00:09
01/18/26	Santa Pola Half Marathon	1st	1:00:49
10/26/25	Valencia Half Marathon	3rd	58:39



ADRIAAN WILDSCHUTT | SOUTH AFRICA

BIRTHDATE: May 3, 1998

AGE: 28

RESIDENCE: Flagstaff, Arizona

MARATHON DEBUT

HALF MARATHON PERSONAL BEST: 59:13 (Valencia, 2025)

Since his victory in the 2026 United Airlines NYC Half, distance running fans have been excited for Adriaan Wildschutt's marathon debut. In 2025, the South African set the national record in the half marathon with his 59:13 run in Valencia. He also holds South African records in the 5,000m and 10,000m. A native of Ceres, South Africa, Wildschutt ran collegiately at Florida State University, where he was runner-up at the 2020 NCAA Cross Country Championship and captured six ACC individual titles. He trains in Flagstaff,

Arizona with HOKA NAZ Elite and has represented South Africa at the Olympic Games, World Championships, Commonwealth Games and World Cross Country Championships.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2026 United Airlines NYC Half champion
- South African national record holder in the half marathon
- South African national record holder in the 5,000m
- South African national record holder in the 10,000m
- Runner-up, 2020 NCAA Cross Country champion
- Three-time ACC individual champion
- 9th, 2024 Olympics, 10,000m
- World Championships finalist for South Africa (10,000m)

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/21/26	B.A.A. 10K	2nd	28:00
03/15/26	NYC Half	1st	59:30
10/26/25	Valencia Half Marathon	5th	59:13

WOMEN’S OPEN DIVISION



BRIGID KOSGEI | KENYA

BIRTHDATE: February 20, 1994
AGE: 32
RESIDENCE: Kenya
PERSONAL BEST: 2:14:04 (Chicago, 2019)

Brigid Kosgei is back. The two-time champion returns to Chicago for the first time in seven years following a victory in the Tokyo Marathon earlier this year. Kosgei made history in 2019 when she shattered Paula Radcliffe’s 16-year-old world record with a stunning 2:14:04, a mark that stood until 2023. The 2020 Olympic marathon silver medalist, Kosgei has won Abbott World Marathon Majors races six times, with two victories each in Chicago, London and Tokyo. Kosgei’s winning time in the 2026 Tokyo Marathon of 2:14:29 is the second fastest of her career and set a course and Asian all-comers record. Along with her two Chicago victories, Kosgei was also the 2017 runner-up. She is coached by Erick Kimaiyo.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Two-time Tokyo Marathon champion (2022, 2026)
- Runner-up, 2025 Sydney Marathon
- 2025 Shanghai Marathon champion
- Olympic silver medalist, marathon (Tokyo 2020)
- Former marathon world record holder (2:14:04)
- Two-time Chicago Marathon champion (2018, 2019)
- Two-time London Marathon champion (2019, 2020)

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/01/26	Tokyo Marathon	1st	2:14:29
11/30/25	Shanghai Marathon	1st	2:16:36
08/31/25	Sydney Marathon	2nd	2:18:56
04/27/25	Hamburg Marathon	2nd	2:18:26
04/21/24	London Marathon	5th	2:19:02
03/17/24	Lisbon Half Marathon	1st	1:05:51
12/16/23	Abu Dhabi Marathon	1st	2:19:15
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	4th	2:27:45
03/06/22	Tokyo Marathon	1st	2:16:02
10/03/21	London Marathon	4th	2:18:40
08/07/21	Tokyo Olympic Marathon	2nd	2:27:36
10/04/20	London Marathon	1st	2:18:58
10/13/19	Chicago Marathon	1st	2:14:04
04/28/19	London Marathon	1st	2:18:20
10/07/18	Chicago Marathon	1st	2:18:35
04/22/18	London Marathon	2nd	2:20:13
12/10/17	Honolulu Marathon	1st	2:22:15
10/08/17	Chicago Marathon	2nd	2:20:22
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	8th	2:31:48



HAWI FEYSA | ETHIOPIA

BIRTHDATE: February 1, 1999

AGE: 27

RESIDENCE: Ethiopia

PERSONAL BEST: 2:14:57 (Chicago, 2025)

The defending champion returns to Chicago as Hawi Feysa looks to replicate her 2025 performance. Like last year, Feysa comes into Chicago having finished third in Tokyo earlier in the year. The only difference is that the woman who beat her to win in Tokyo, Brigid Kosgei, is coming too. Last year’s dominant victory here was a breakthrough. Her winning time of 2:14:57 shaved more than two minutes off her previous personal best. Success in the marathon came quickly for Feysa, who took second in only her second race in Abu Dhabi in 2023. She won her next attempt at the distance, setting a course record with her victory in Frankfurt. Prior to moving to the roads, Feysa competed for Ethiopia at the 2023 World Cross Country Championships where she was a part of the silver-medal winning team. She also represented her country at the 2019 World Athletics Championships where she was a finalist in the 5,000m. Originally from Ambo in Ethiopia’s Oromia Region, Feysa grew up on her family’s farm with five sisters and two brothers. She is coached by Gemedu Dedefo.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Third place, 2026 Tokyo Marathon
- 2025 Chicago Marathon champion
- Third place, 2025 Tokyo Marathon
- 2024 Frankfurt Marathon champion
- Silver medalist, 2023 World Athletics Cross Country Championships (team)
- Finalist, 2019 World Athletics Championships, 5,000m

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/01/26	Tokyo Marathon	3rd	2:17:39
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	1st	2:14:57
03/02/25	Tokyo Marathon	3rd	2:17:00
10/27/24	Frankfurt Marathon	1st	2:17:25
12/16/23	Abu Dhabi Marathon	2nd	2:24:03
01/24/20	Dubai Marathon	6th	2:23:36



SUTUME KEBEDE | ETHIOPIA

BIRTHDATE: December 11, 1994

AGE: 31

RESIDENCE: Ethiopia

PERSONAL BEST: 2:15:55

A consistent podium finisher in marathons around the world, Sutume Kebede comes back to Chicago to improve on her runner-up finish in 2024. That same year, she captured her first Abbott World Marathon Majors victory with a win in Tokyo, a feat she repeated in 2025. Kebede first tasted victory at the 2019 Beijing Marathon. She also has a runner-up finish in Seoul and a third place finish in Tokyo to go along with her two victories there. In January of 2024, Kebede won the Aramco Houston Half Marathon in 1:04:37, the fastest time ever recorded in the United States. In her only race this year, Kebede returned to Tokyo where she finished fourth.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Two-time Tokyo Marathon champion (2024, 2025)
- Runner-up, 2024 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- Fourth place, 2026 Tokyo Marathon
- 2024 Aramco Houston Half Marathon champion (American all-comers record)
- 2019 Beijing Marathon champion

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/01/26	Tokyo Marathon	4th	2:17:39
09/14/25	World Athletics Championships Marathon	27th	2:35:30
03/02/25	Tokyo Marathon	1st	2:16:31
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	2nd	2:17:32
03/03/24	Tokyo Marathon	1st	2:15:55
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	15th	2:26:49
10/02/22	London Marathon	8th	2:20:44
04/17/22	Seoul Marathon	2nd	2:18:12
10/11/21	Boston Marathon	23rd	2:37:45
03/01/20	Tokyo Marathon	3rd	2:20:30
11/03/19	Beijing Marathon	1st	2:23:31
10/22/17	Toronto Waterfront Marathon	2nd	2:29:26
04/10/16	Rotterdam Marathon	2nd	2:28:04
01/22/16	Dubai Marathon	4th	2:24:00



BRILLIAN KIPKOECH | KENYA

BIRTHDATE: March 1, 1995

AGE: 31

RESIDENCE: Kenya

PERSONAL BEST: 2:17:05 (Hamburg, 2026)

Brilliant Kipkoech scored her first marathon victory in only her second attempt in the distance at this year's Hamburg Marathon. The Kenyan won the race by well over a minute, setting a new course record in the process. It was a fitting follow up to Kipkoech's promising debut, where she had finished second in Ljubljana, Slovenia in 2025. Kipkoech's move to the marathon had long been anticipated as she racked up podium finishes on the track, road and cross country course. She was a part of Kenya's silver medal winning team at the 2020 World Athletics Half Marathon Championships and she's been in the hunt for victory at half marathons in Houston, Paris and

Barcelona. Kipkoech won the 2019 B.A.A. Half Marathon in Boston. More recently, she won the 2025 Kenyan Cross Country Championships. Kipkoech has been racing since she was a teenager, representing Kenya at the 2011 World Cross Country Championships and the 2012 World U20 Championships on the track where she placed fifth in the 3000m.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2026 Hamburg Marathon champion
- 2025 Kenyan Cross Country Championships champion
- Runner up, 2025 Ljubljana Marathon
- 2019 B.A.A. Half Marathon Champion

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/26/26	Hamburg Marathon	1st	2:17:05
10/19/25	Ljubljana Marathon	2nd	2:23:56
03/09/25	Lisbon Half Marathon	5th	1:07:45
10/17/21	Barcelona Half Marathon	2nd	1:07:31
10/17/20	World Half Marathon Championships	9th	1:06:56
01/19/20	Houston Half Marathon	2nd	1:08:08
10/13/19	B.A.A. Half Marathon	1st	1:07:40



SHARON LOKEDI | KENYA

BIRTHDATE: March 10, 1994

AGE: 32

RESIDENCE: Flagstaff, Arizona

PERSONAL BEST: 2:17:22 (Boston, 2025)

Chicago will be the long-awaited flat course debut for Sharon Lokedi, one of the world's best marathoners over the last five years. When tested on hilly courses, Lokedi has been unstoppable. She won her debut in New York in 2022 and followed it up with a runner-up finish in Boston and a third-place finish in New York in 2023. She then took fourth place in the 2024 Paris Olympic Marathon. In 2025, Lokedi shattered the course record at the Boston Marathon, winning in 2:17:22. She won again this year, becoming the first woman to win back-to-back Bostons since 2005. After growing up in Kenya's Rift Valley, Lokedi moved to the United States to attend the

University of Kansas, where she won the 2018 NCAA 10,000m title. She trains with Under Armour's Mission Run Dark Sky Distance team in Flagstaff under coach Stephen Haas.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Two-time Boston Marathon champion (2025, 2026)
- Boston Marathon course record holder
- 2022 TCS New York City Marathon champion
- Runner-up, 2025 TCS New York City Marathon
- Fourth place, 2024 Paris Olympic Marathon
- 2018 NCAA 10,000m champion (University of Kansas)
- 10-time NCAA All-American

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	1st	2:18:51
03/15/26	New York City Half Marathon	2nd	1:07:10
11/02/25	New York City Marathon	2nd	2:20:07
09/14/25	Copenhagen Half Marathon	2nd	1:05:00
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	1st	2:17:22
03/16/25	New York City Half Marathon	1st	1:07:04
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	9th	2:27:45
08/11/24	Paris Olympic Marathon	4th	2:23:14
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	2nd	2:22:45
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	3rd	2:27:33
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	1st	2:23:23



DEGITU AZIMERAW | ETHIOPIA

BIRTHDATE: January 24, 1999

AGE: 27

RESIDENCE: Ethiopia

PERSONAL BEST: 2:17:58 (London, 2021)

In six Abbott World Marathon Majors appearances, Degitu Azimeraw has never finished outside the top 10. That includes her last appearance here in Chicago, when she placed sixth in 2024. Degitu returns looking for her first victory. Her best performance is a runner-up finish in London in 2021, where she also recorded her personal best. She returned to London earlier this year and finished fourth. Outside the AWWM, Azimeraw has marathon victories in Lanzhou, Barcelona and Amsterdam, the latter of which was her marathon debut. Born in West Gojjam in Ethiopia's Amhara region, Azimeraw was inspired to pursue running after following the careers of Ethiopian legends

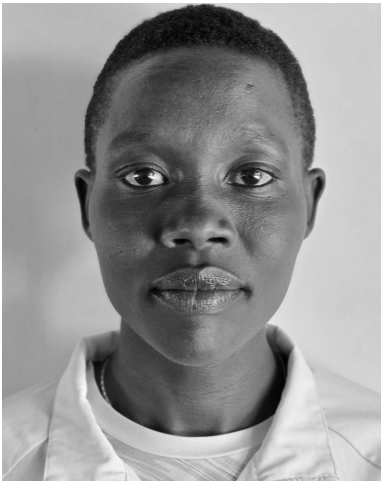
Tirunesh Dibaba and Meseret Defar. She is coached by Tessema Abshero and represented Ethiopia at the 2023 African Games, where she earned the silver medal in the marathon.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Fourth place, 2026 London Marathon
- 2025 Lanzhou Marathon champion
- 2024 Barcelona Marathon champion
- Silver medalist, 2023 African Games marathon
- Runner-up, 2021 London Marathon
- 2019 Amsterdam Marathon champion

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/26/26	London Marathon	4th	2:19:13
09/21/25	Berlin Marathon	7th	2:23:02
05/25/25	Lanzhou Marathon	1st	2:24:12
03/02/25	Tokyo Marathon	8th	2:20:26
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	6th	2:20:52
03/10/24	Barcelona Marathon	1st	2:19:52
04/18/22	Boston Marathon	8th	2:25:23
10/03/21	London Marathon	2nd	2:17:58
12/06/20	Valencia Marathon	5th	2:19:56
10/20/19	Amsterdam Marathon	1st	2:19:26



LOICE CHEMNUNG | KENYA

BIRTHDATE: February 22, 1997

AGE: 29

RESIDENCE: Kenya

PERSONAL BEST: 2:18:24 (Chicago, 2025)

Loice Chemnung burst onto the marathon scene last year, finishing fourth at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, her first ever marathon finish. This spring, she took second in Boston behind Sharon Lokedi. Earlier in 2026, Chemnung won the Barcelona Half Marathon in 1:04:01, the sixth fastest time in history. She also won her second consecutive Kenyan 10,000m title in June. Chemnung’s name is all over the history books of half marathons and 10K road races around the world, where she has racked up victories and course records. She’s been racing against the best in the world since her teenage days when she placed 5th in the 5,000m at the 2014 World Athletics U20 Championships.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Two-time Kenyan 10,000m champion (2025, 2026)
- Runner-up, 2026 Boston Marathon
- 2026 Barcelona Half Marathon champion (course record, 1:04:01)
- Fourth place, 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	2nd	2:19:35
02/15/26	Barcelona Half Marathon	1st	1:04:01
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	4th	2:18:24
08/24/25	Antrim Coast Half Marathon	2nd	1:06:06
03/23/25	Málaga Half Marathon	1st	1:05:46
10/20/24	Tokyo Legacy Half Marathon	1st	1:07:27
08/25/24	Antrim Coast Half Marathon	2nd	1:06:47
03/10/24	Málaga Half Marathon	1st	1:05:58



SARA HALL | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: April 15, 1983

AGE: 43

RESIDENCE: Flagstaff, Arizona

PERSONAL BEST: 2:20:32 (Chandler, AZ, 2020)

A fan favorite everywhere she goes, Sara Hall returns to Chicago for the fourth time in her storied career. She was last here in 2024, following a third place finish in 2021. Since becoming a masters runner in 2023, Hall has shown no signs of slowing down. Last year, she was runner-up at the USATF Marathon Championships in Sacramento. She kicked off 2026 with a runner-up finish at the Chevron Houston Marathon, the site of her since-broken American record in the half marathon in 2022. Hall holds the American master’s record in the marathon with her 2:23:45 finish in Valencia

in December of 2024. Along with her 2021 podium finish here, Hall has top ten finishes in Tokyo, New York, London and Berlin. Her thrilling runner-up finish at the 2020 London Marathon is her best finish at an Abbott World Marathon Majors event. Hall, the 2017 U.S. Marathon champion, has won six U.S. titles on the road and on the track. She lives in Flagstaff with her husband Ryan Hall who she met as a runner at Stanford University. They have four adopted daughters, sisters from Ethiopia.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Runner-up, 2025 USATF Marathon Championships
- American record holder, masters marathon
- Fifth place, 2024 U.S. Olympic Marathon Team Trials - Marathon
- Third place, 2021 Chicago Marathon
- 2020 Marathon Project Champion
- Runner-up, 2020 London Marathon
- 2017 U.S. Marathon Champion

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	21st	2:31:55
01/11/26	Houston Marathon	2nd	2:26:26
12/07/25	U.S. Marathon Championships	2nd	2:24:38
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	18th	2:26:32
12/01/24	Valencia Marathon	10th	2:23:45
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	18th	2:30:12
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	15th	2:27:58
02/03/24	U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Marathon	5th	2:26:06
04/17/23	Boston Marathon	17th	2:25:48
07/18/22	World Athletics Championship	5th	2:22:10
03/06/22	Tokyo Marathon	8th	2:22:56
01/16/22	Houston Half Marathon	2nd	1:07:15
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	3rd	2:27:19
12/20/20	The Marathon Project	1st	2:20:32

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS (CONTINUED)

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/04/20	London Marathon	2nd	2:22:01
09/29/19	Berlin Marathon	5th	2:22:16
05/05/19	U.S. Half Marathon Championship	2nd	1:11:04
04/15/19	Boston Marathon	15th	2:35:34
07/01/18	Gold Coast Half Marathon	1st	1:09:27
05/27/18	Ottawa Marathon	3rd	2:26:20
05/06/18	U.S. Half Marathon Championship	2nd	1:10:07
12/03/17	U.S. Marathon Championship	1st	2:28:10
10/29/17	Frankfurt Marathon	5th	2:27:21
07/02/17	Gold Coast Half Marathon	1st	1:10:32
02/26/17	Tokyo Marathon	6th	2:28:26
11/06/16	New York City Marathon	8th	2:36:12
04/24/16	London Marathon	12th	2:30:06
03/26/16	World Half Marathon Championship	15th	1:10:58
10/11/15	Chicago Marathon	10th	2:31:14



SUSANNA SULLIVAN | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: May 13, 1990

AGE: 36

RESIDENCE: Falls Church, Virginia

PERSONAL BEST: 2:21:56 (Chicago, 2024)

Susanna Sullivan's 2024 performance in Chicago kicked off a career year. She finished seventh here as the top American and with a new personal best of 2:21:56. The next spring, she was again the top American finisher at an Abbott World Marathon Major, this time in London. She then went on to represent the United States at the World Athletics Championship Marathon in Japan, where she led most of the race and finished just off the podium in fourth place. A graduate of Notre Dame, Sullivan balances her professional running career with a full-time job as a sixth-grade math teacher in Northern

Virginia. She is married to Ed Hickey, a major in the United States Marine Corps.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Fourth place, 2025 World Athletics Championships marathon
- Seventh place, 2024 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- Sixth place, 2022 Bank of America Chicago Marathon

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	19th	2:28:35
11/02/25	New York City Marathon	11th	2:28:34
09/14/25	World Athletics Championships Marathon	4th	2:28:17
04/27/25	London Marathon	10th	2:29:30
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	7th	2:21:56
08/26/23	World Athletics Championships Marathon	58th	2:44:24
04/23/23	London Marathon	10th	2:24:27
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	6th	2:25:14
06/18/22	Grandma's Marathon	3rd	2:26:56
10/11/21	Boston Marathon	15th	2:33:22



NATOSHA ROGERS | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: May 7, 1991

AGE: 35

RESIDENCE: Denver, Colorado

PERSONAL BEST: 2:23:28 (Chicago, 2025)

Natosha Rogers more than mastered the marathon in 2025. In just her second marathon ever, she placed seventh at the Nagoya Marathon in 2:23:51, taking exactly 11 minutes off her personal best. Then, she came to Chicago, where she finished sixth at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, set a new personal best of 2:23:28 and took home top American honors. Before moving up in distance, Rogers represented Team USA at three global championships, competing in the 10,000m at the 2022 and 2023 World Athletics Championships and at the 2017 World Cross Country Championships. She is also the 2017 USATF Half Marathon champion. A native of Texas and NCAA champion at Texas A&M, Rogers now trains in Colorado.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Sixth place, 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- Top American finisher, 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- Seventh place, 2025 Nagoya Marathon
- Represented Team USA at the 2022 and 2023 World Athletics Championships (10,000m)
- Represented Team USA at the 2017 World Cross Country Championships
- 2012 NCAA 10,000m champion for Texas A&M

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
01/11/26	Houston Half Marathon	7th	1:07:30
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	6th	2:23:28
03/09/25	Nagoya Marathon	7th	2:23:51
01/19/25	Houston Half Marathon	5th	1:08:35
02/03/24	U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials	28th	2:34:51
11/12/23	B.A.A. Half Marathon	15th	1:10:57
12/05/21	USA Half Marathon Championships	2nd	1:09:36
04/29/17	USA Half Marathon Championships	1st	1:10:45



MOLLY BORN | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: November 18, 1999

AGE: 26

RESIDENCE: Raleigh, NC

PERSONAL BEST: 2:24:10 (Sacramento, 2025)

Molly Born makes her Abbott World Marathon Majors debut at the 2026 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. She arrives in Chicago undefeated in the distance, having won in her marathon debut at the California International Marathon last December. The race doubled at the USATF Marathon Championships. Born, an All-American at Oklahoma State, has also seen success in the half marathon distance. She represented Team USA at the World Athletics Road Running Championships in Copenhagen last month. Earlier this year, she was runner-up at the Bank of America Chicago 13.1.

Born trains in North Carolina with Puma Elite and is coached by Amy and Alistair Cragg.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2026 USATF Half Marathon champion
- 2025 USATF Marathon Champion
- Represented Team USA at the 2026 World Road Running Championships
- Runner-up, 2026 Bank of America Chicago 13.1
- Five-time NCAA All-American
- 2024 Big 12 5,000m champion
- Fourth place, 2024 NCAA Outdoor Championships, 10,000m

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/07/26	Chicago 13.1	2nd	1:11:58
03/01/26	USATF Half Marathon Championships	1st	1:09:43
12/07/25	California International Marathon	1st	2:24:10



DAKOTAH POPEHN | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: May 1, 1995

AGE: 31

RESIDENCE: Hopkins, Minnesota

PERSONAL BEST: 2:24:04 (Boston, 2026)

One of the most consistent American distance runners of the last three years, Dakotah Popehn is back in Chicago for the third time. She's run two of the fastest marathons of her career here, including a then-personal best of 2:24:20 last year when she finished seventh. This will be Popehn's third marathon of 2026. In April, she lowered her personal best by 16 seconds to finish 12th in Boston. Then in June, she won the Grandma's Marathon for a record-tying third time. Popehn burst onto the national scene in early 2024 when she finished third at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Marathon to secure a spot on Team USA at the Paris Olympics. She went on to finish 12th at the

Games. Popehn's path to the Olympics was far from conventional. A Minnesota native who grew up playing hockey, she walked on to the Division II program at Northern State University and gradually developed into an elite distance runner. She trains with Minnesota Distance Elite under coach Chris Lundstrom.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 12th place, 2024 Paris Olympic Games marathon
- Third place, 2024 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials
- Three-time Grandma's Marathon champion (2021, 2022, 2026)
- Seventh place, 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- 12th place, 2026 Boston Marathon in 2:24:04

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/20/26	Grandma's Marathon	1st	2:28:51
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	12th	2:24:04
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	7th	2:24:20
08/24/25	Antrim Coast Half Marathon	6th	1:07:42
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	16th	2:26:09
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	17th	2:31:45
08/11/24	Paris Olympic Marathon	11th	2:26:44
02/03/24	U.S. Olympic Marathon Team Trials - Marathon	3rd	2:25:31
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	12th	2:24:40
06/17/23	Grandma's Marathon	2nd	2:26:56
04/17/23	Boston Marathon	26th	2:33:53
06/18/22	Grandma's Marathon	1st	2:25:01
04/18/22	Boston Marathon	14th	2:29:55
10/11/21	Boston Marathon	12th	2:31:04
06/19/21	Grandma's Marathon	1st	2:29:04



LAURA GALVÁN | MEXICO

BIRTHDATE: October 5, 1991

AGE: 35

RESIDENCE: Guanajuato, Mexico

PERSONAL BEST: MARATHON DEBUT

HALF MARATHON PERSONAL BEST: 1:07:31 (Houston, 2026)

Laura Galván has been the standard-bearer for Mexican women's distance running for much of the past decade. Nicknamed La Gacela de la Saucedá, which translates to The Gazelle of La Saucedá, Galván has rewritten the Mexican record book, setting national records in the 3,000m, 5,000m, 10,000m and half marathon. After representing Mexico at the Tokyo and Paris Olympic Games on the track, Galván has increasingly turned her attention to road racing. She opened 2026 by running a Mexican half marathon record of 1:07:31 to finish eighth at the Armco Houston Half

Marathon, her half marathon debut. She then came to Chicago and won the Bank of America Chicago 13.1. Fittingly, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon will be her marathon debut. A Pan American Games champion and Central American & Caribbean Games gold medalist, Galván lives and trains in Guanajuato, Mexico and is coached by Mike Smith.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Mexican national record holder in the half marathon (1:07:31), 3,000m, 5,000m and 10,000m
- Eighth place, 2026 Houston Half Marathon (Mexican record)
- Gold medalist, 5,000m, 2019 Pan American Games
- Gold medalist, 10,000m, 2023 Central American & Caribbean Games
- Olympian at the Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Olympic Games
- First Mexican woman to break 15:00 for 5,000m and 31:10 for 10,000m

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/07/26	Chicago 13.1	1st	1:10:11
01/11/26	Houston Half Marathon	8th	1:07:31



EMMA GRACE HURLEY | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: December 19, 1997

AGE: 28

RESIDENCE: Indianapolis, IN

PERSONAL BEST: MARATHON DEBUT

HALF MARATHON PERSONAL BEST: 1:07:35 (Atlanta, 2025)

Emma Grace Hurley makes her marathon debut in Chicago after coming here in March and breaking Deena Kastor's 21-year-old American record in the 8K. The 2026 Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle champion has been a mainstay on the U.S. road circuit for the past three years. She broke through in 2025 by running a personal best 1:07:35 at the USATF Half Marathon Championships, where she was the runner-up. Hurley's 2026 season also included a memorable showing at the USATF Half Marathon Championships, where she was among the three leaders mistakenly directed off course by the lead vehicle while battling for the national title. World Athletics later granted her a place on Team USA for the World Road Running Championships in recognition of the extraordinary circumstances. She also won the USATF 25km Championships in Grand Rapids and is currently leading the U.S. Road Running Circuit. Hurley competed for Furman University and lives in Indianapolis with her dog Ava. She is coached by Andrew Begley.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Represented Team USA at the 2026 World Road Running Championships
- 2026 USATF 25km Champion
- 2024 Indianapolis Monumental Half Marathon champion
- 2026 Shamrock Shuffle champion
- American record holder, 8K

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/01/26	USATF Half Marathon Championships	12th*	1:11:38
10/26/25	Valencia Half Marathon	6th	1:08:02
03/02/25	USATF Half Marathon Championships	2nd	1:07:35
11/09/24	Indianapolis Monumental Half	1st	1:08:26

**Hurley was running in second place with fewer than two miles before she and the other leaders were mistakenly led off course by the lead vehicle.*

MEN'S WHEELCHAIR DIVISION



MARCEL HUG | SWITZERLAND

BIRTHDATE: January 16, 1986

AGE: 40

RESIDENCE: Nottwil, Switzerland

PERSONAL BEST: 1:15:33 (Boston, 2024)

The most dominant wheelchair racer of all time, Marcel Hug is a six-time Chicago champion, winning his sixth title in 2025. He set the course record here in 2022 and lowered it again in 2023. He is also a ten-time Berlin Marathon champion and nine-time Boston Marathon champion, claiming his latest victory in 2026 where he won by more than six minutes. . He has won the London Marathon eight times and is a seven-time Abbott World Marathon Majors series champion. At the 2024 Paralympics, Hug won a silver medal in the 5000m (behind Daniel Romanchuk) and dominated the

marathon, winning by nearly four minutes to claim his third consecutive Paralympic marathon title.

Hug owns the world record for the marathon on a record-eligible course of 1:17:47 set in Oita, Japan in 2021. He has raced faster in Boston, but the course is not record eligible. Besides his medals in Paris, Hug has a silver medal in the marathon from the 2012 London Paralympics and gold medals from the 2016 Rio and 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, as well as medals in the 800m, 1500m and 5000m. Hug is known as the “Silver Bullet” for his trademark silver racing helmet.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Six-time Paralympian
- World record holder, Men's T54 marathon, 1:17:47 (Oita, 2021)
- Seven-time Abbott World Marathon Majors Series champion
- 2016, 2017, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 Chicago Marathon champion
- Chicago Marathon course record holder
- Ten-time Berlin Marathon champion
- Nine-time Boston Marathon champion
- Eight-time London Marathon champion
- Seven-time New York City Marathon champion
- Seven-time Paralympic gold medalist
- Five-time Paralympic silver medalist
- Two-time Paralympic bronze medalist
- 10-time World Para Athletics Championships gold medalist

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/26/26	London Marathon	1st	1:24:13
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	1st	1:16:06
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:23:20
09/21/25	Berlin Marathon	1st	1:21:46
04/27/25	London Marathon	1st	1:25:25
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	1st	1:21:34
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	4th	1:40:10
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:25:54
09/08/24	Paris Paralympic Marathon	1st	1:27:39
04/21/24	London Marathon	1st	1:28:35
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	1st	1:25:29
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:22:37
09/24/23	Berlin Marathon	1st	1:23:07
04/23/23	London Marathon	1st	1:23:48
04/17/23	Boston Marathon	1st	1:17:06
03/04/23	Tokyo Marathon	1st	1:20:57
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	1st	1:25:26
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:25:20
10/02/22	London Marathon	1st	1:24:38
09/25/22	Berlin Marathon	1st	1:24:56
11/18/21	Oita Marathon	1st	1:17:47
09/05/21	Tokyo Paralympic Marathon	1st	1:24:02
10/11/21	Boston Marathon	1st	1:18:11
10/08/17	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:29:23
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:32:57
09/18/16	Rio Paralympic Marathon	1st	1:26:16



AARON PIKE | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: May 4, 1986

AGE: 40

RESIDENCE: Champaign, IL

PERSONAL BEST: 1:20:02 (Duluth, 2022)

Whether it's in the snow or on the roads, Aaron Pike makes podiums and wins medals. A eight-time Paralympian across both the Summer and Winter Games, Pike continued to compete at the highest level in both sports over the past year. During the 2025-26 Para Nordic season, he added multiple World Cup podium finishes before making his eighth Paralympic appearance at the Milano Cortina Winter Paralympic Games. On the roads, Pike remains a mainstay in Chicago with 15 top 10 finishes, including fourth place finishes in 2023, 2024 and 2025, along with third-place finishes in 2021 and 2022. He is also a five-time Grandma's Marathon champion and set the course record

there in 2022. Pike made his seventh Summer Paralympic appearance in Paris in 2024, finishing seventh in the marathon. He is engaged to Paralympic gold medalist Oksana Masters.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Runner-up, 2023, 2024, 2025 Chicago 13.1
- 3rd place, 2021 and 2022 Chicago Marathon
- Eight-time Paralympian (Winter and Summer Paralympic Games)
- Five-time Grandma's Marathon champion
- 2022 Boston Marathon runner-up
- 15 top 10 finishes at the Chicago Marathon

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/07/26	Chicago 13.1	3rd	47:06
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:29:07
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	7th	1:41:05
06/01/25	Chicago 13.1	2nd	43:44
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:29:00
09/08/24	Paris Paralympic Marathon	7th	1:36:23
06/09/24	Chicago 13.1	2nd	43:45
04/21/24	London Marathon	6th	1:35:35
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	7th	1:28:35
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	4th	1:39:58
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:32:45
06/17/23	Grandma's Marathon	1st	1:27:24
06/04/23	Chicago 13.1	2nd	43:56
04/23/23	London Marathon	16th	1:39:41
04/17/23	Boston Marathon	4th	1:30:30
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:33:13
06/18/22	Grandma's Marathon	1st	1:20:02
04/18/22	Boston Marathon	2nd	1:32:49
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:29:28
09/05/21	Tokyo Paralympic Marathon	6th	1:29:45
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	5th	1:33:01
09/18/16	Rio Paralympic Marathon	10th	1:30:13
10/07/12	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:39:08
10/12/08	Chicago Marathon	5th	1:38:57



JOHNBOY SMITH | GREAT BRITAIN

BIRTHDATE: November 27, 1989

AGE: 36

RESIDENCE: West Kingsdown, England

PERSONAL BEST: 1:20:05 (Duluth, 2022)

Johnboy Smith has been one of Great Britain's most consistent wheelchair marathoners for the better part of a decade. He finished just outside the top 10 with an 11th place finish at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon in 2025 and will make his sixth consecutive appearance in the race this year. His highlights here include fourth place finishes in 2019 and 2021 and sixth in 2022. In 2025, he placed ninth at the Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America. Smith enjoyed the best season of his career in 2022 when he captured the marathon gold medal at the Commonwealth Games, finished third at the Boston Marathon and was runner-up at Grandma's Marathon in

Duluth, where he set his personal best of 1:20:05. Smith, who became paralyzed in 2006 at age 16 after being mistaken for a poacher and shot in the back, initially turned to powerlifting and set two British records before discovering para athletics while watching the London 2012 Paralympic Games. After competing in the discus, shot put and javelin, he transitioned to wheelchair racing in 2015. He and his wife are the parents of twins.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2020 Paralympian
- 2022 Commonwealth Games marathon champion
- Runner-up, 2022 Grandma's Marathon
- Third, 2022 Boston Marathon
- 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Marathon, 10th place
- Two top four finishes at the Chicago Marathon (2019, 2021)
- Runner-up, 2017 New York City Marathon

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	11th	1:35:42
04/27/25	London Marathon	20th	1:43:55
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	9th	1:38:07
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	13th	1:49:38
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	9th	1:33:14
03/03/24	Tokyo Marathon	7th	1:34:33
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	8th	1:40:09
09/24/23	Berlin Marathon	7th	1:31:17
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	11th	1:41:57
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	6th	1:35:02
07/30/22	Commonwealth Games Marathon	1st	1:41:15
06/18/22	Grandma's Marathon	2nd	1:20:05
04/18/22	Boston Marathon	3rd	1:32:55
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:29:37
09/05/21	Tokyo Paralympic Marathon	10th	1:32:25
10/13/19	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:33:32



DANIEL ROMANCHUK | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: August 3, 1998

AGE: 28

RESIDENCE: Champaign, IL

PERSONAL BEST: 1:21:36 (Boston, 2019)

Daniel Romanchuk has been either first or second at every Bank of America Chicago Marathon he's competed in since 2018. He has won the race three times and finished second to Marcel Hug three times, including in 2024. Although forced to withdraw from the 2025 Chicago Marathon after a shoulder injury suffered in the lead-up to the race, he returned to the Abbott World Marathon Majors circuit in 2026 with a runner-up finish at the Boston Marathon. Romanchuk has also made the Bank of America Chicago 13.1 his signature race, winning the men's wheelchair title five consecutive times from 2022-2026. In 2026, he lowered his own course record to 41:54 while capturing his fifth straight title. He also owns victories at the Boston, London and TCS New York City Marathons, but Chicago is where Romanchuk claimed his first Abbott World Marathon Major victory with his breakthrough win in 2018. In 2021, he won a bronze medal in the marathon and a gold medal in the 400m at the Tokyo Paralympic Games. He followed that with a gold medal in the 5000m and a bronze medal in the 400m at the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris. In July, he won the AJC Peachtree Road Race in Atlanta for the ninth consecutive time. Romanchuk also operates the nonprofit Wheels for Change, which supports physically disabled athletes learning the sport of wheelchair racing.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2024 Paralympic gold medalist (5000m)
- 2024 Paralympic bronze medalist (400m)
- Five-time Chicago 13.1 champion (2022-2026)
- Chicago 13.1 course record holder (41:54)
- Runner-up, 2022 and 2024 Chicago Marathon
- Three-time Chicago Marathon champion (2018, 2019, 2021)
- Three-time Paralympian (2016, 2020, 2024)
- 2020 Paralympic gold medalist (400m)
- 2022 Boston Marathon champion
- Three-time New York City Marathon champion (2018, 2019, 2024)
- 2019 London Marathon champion
- First American men's wheelchair racer to win both the Boston and London Marathons
- First and youngest American men's wheelchair athlete to win the New York City Marathon
- 2019 World Para Athletics gold medalist (800m, marathon)

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/07/26	Chicago 13.1	1st	41:54
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	2nd	1:22:44
04/27/25	London Marathon	5th	1:30:31
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	2nd	1:25:58
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	1st	1:36:31
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:25:58
09/08/24	Paris Paralympic Marathon	4th	1:32:23
06/09/24	Chicago 13.1	1st	43:44
04/21/24	London Marathon	2nd	1:29:06
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10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:33:11
09/25/22	Berlin Marathon	2nd	1:28:54
04/18/22	Boston Marathon	1st	1:26:58
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:29:07
09/05/21	Tokyo Paralympic Marathon	3rd	1:29:05
11/03/19	New York City Marathon	1st	1:37:24
10/13/19	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:30:26
04/15/19	Boston Marathon	1st	1:21:36
10/07/18	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:31:34



RAFAEL BOTELLO JIMENEZ | SPAIN

BIRTHDATE: February 23, 1979

AGE: 47

RESIDENCE: Manlleu, Spain

PERSONAL BEST: 1:22:09 (Boston, 2017)

Rafael Botello Jimenez – “Rafa” – has finished in the top 10 at Chicago seven times, most recently in 2022 when he placed ninth. He narrowly missed another top 10 finish in 2024, placing 11th, and followed that with a 14th-place finish in 2025, his 18th appearance at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. One of the sport’s most durable competitors, Botello Jimenez has now competed in more than 65 Abbott World Marathon Majors since 2005. His best major finish remains third at the 2010 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Botello Jimenez finished in the top 10 of the 2012 London

Paralympic marathon. He is the winner of the 2007 and 2010 Valencia Marathons, the 2016 Paris Marathon and the 2018 Rome Marathon. Botello Jimenez is the Spanish record holder in the 1500m, mile, 5K, 10K and marathon, and he currently holds the world record for the most distance covered in one hour. He also competes for Spain in para triathlon and para cycling. Botello Jimenez began wheelchair racing in 2003, one year after sustaining a spinal cord injury in a bicycle accident.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven top 10 finishes at the Chicago Marathon
- Competed in more than 65 Abbott World Marathon Majors
- 2008 and 2012 Paralympian (1500m, 5000m, marathon)
- 2018 Rome Marathon champion
- 2016 Paris Marathon champion
- 2007 and 2010 Valencia Marathon champion
- Spanish national record holder – 1500m, mile, 5K, 10K and marathon

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/26/26	London Marathon	20th	1:40:36
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	14th	1:35:57
04/27/25	London Marathon	16th	1:38:42
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	10th	1:38:42
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	15th	1:50:48
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	11th	1:33:19
04/21/24	London Marathon	13th	1:37:07
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	10th	1:29:34
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	15th	1:48:16
09/24/23	Berlin Marathon	15th	1:37:46
06/17/23	Grandma’s Marathon	5th	1:31:41
04/23/23	London Marathon	18th	1:39:50
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	14th	1:43:57
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	9th	1:37:18
09/25/22	Berlin Marathon	10th	1:36:49
04/18/22	Boston Marathon	6th	1:34:38

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS, CONTINUED

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	5th	1:38:27
10/13/19	Chicago Marathon	15th	1:36:57
10/07/18	Chicago Marathon	22nd	1:56:15
04/08/18	Rome Marathon	1st	1:54:19
10/08/17	Chicago Marathon	5th	1:30:27
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	11th	1:37:21
04/03/16	Paris Marathon	1st	1:32:01
10/11/15	Chicago Marathon	11th	1:30:59
10/12/14	Chicago Marathon	19th	1:49:57
10/13/13	Chicago Marathon	6th	1:33:40
09/09/12	London Paralympic Marathon	9th	1:33:05
10/10/10	Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:28:46
10/11/09	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:39:56
09/17/08	Beijing Paralympic Marathon	11th	1:24:00



PATRICK MONAHAN | IRELAND

BIRTHDATE: January 14, 1986

AGE: 40

RESIDENCE: Caragh, County Kildare, Ireland

PERSONAL BEST: 1:22:23 (Duluth, 2019)

Patrick Monahan is Ireland's national record holder in the marathon and one of the country's most accomplished wheelchair racers. He set his personal best of 1:22:23 while finishing second at Grandma's Marathon in 2019. A two-time Paralympian, Monahan represented Ireland at the Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games and competed in the 800m and 1500m at the 2017 World Para Athletics Championships in London, as well as at the European Championships. A consistent competitor on the Abbott World Marathon Majors circuit, Monahan has recorded top 10 finishes at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon and the TCS New York City Marathon

while regularly racing against the world's best wheelchair marathoners. He became paralyzed following a car accident in 2007 and discovered wheelchair racing six years later.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Two-time Paralympian (2016, 2020)
- Irish national marathon record holder
- Runner-up, 2019 Grandma's Marathon
- Competed in the 800m and 1500m at the 2017 World Para Athletics Championships

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/26/26	London Marathon	14th	1:37:07
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	8th	1:36:09
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	12th	1:49:36
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	12th	1:33:20
04/21/24	London Marathon	11th	1:37:06
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	11th	1:29:35
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	9th	1:40:14
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	7th	1:35:41
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	5th	1:34:48
09/05/21	Tokyo Paralympic Marathon	12th	1:32:54
06/22/19	Grandma's Marathon	2nd	1:22:23
09/18/16	Rio Paralympic Marathon	16th	1:40:26



JETZE PLAT | NETHERLANDS

BIRTHDATE: June 10, 1991
AGE: 35
RESIDENCE: Netherlands
PERSONAL BEST: 1:24:28 (Dubai, 2023)

Jetze Plat is knocking on the door of his first Abbott World Marathon Major victory. Since 2022, he has recorded eight podium finishes, including runner-up honors at the 2023 TCS London Marathon and third-place finishes at the 2023 Bank of America Chicago Marathon; the 2023, 2025 and 2026 Boston Marathons; and the 2025 London Marathon. He finished fifth at last year’s Bank of America Chicago Marathon. At the 2024 Paralympic Games, Plat completed one of the most remarkable performances of the Games, winning his third consecutive paratriathlon gold medal before adding two gold medals in para cycling. He then capped his Paris campaign with a ninth-place finish in the marathon. In 2026, Plat added another podium finish with third place at the Boston Marathon before placing fifth at the London Marathon. Born with a shorter left upper leg and no ligaments in his left knee, Plat underwent a below-the-knee amputation of his right leg in 2008 and became a competitive triathlete in 2013. He and his partner welcomed their son, Jennings, at the end of 2024.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Four-time Paralympic gold medalist, para cycling
- Three-time Paralympic gold medalist, paratriathlon
- Paralympic bronze medalist, para cycling
- Third place, 2023, 2025 and 2026 Boston Marathon
- Runner-up, 2023 London Marathon
- Third place, 2025 London Marathon
- Third place, 2023 Chicago Marathon

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/26/26	London Marathon	5th	1:31:04
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	3rd	1:30:16
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	5th	1:29:07
09/21/25	Berlin Marathon	3rd	1:28:49
04/27/25	London Marathon	3rd	1:26:49
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	3rd	1:30:16
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	4th	1:41:04
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	5th	1:31:14
09/08/24	Paris Paralympic Marathon	9th	1:39:47
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	3rd	1:34:22
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:31:40
04/23/23	London Marathon	2nd	1:28:44
04/17/23	Boston Marathon	3rd	1:28:35
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	4th	1:31:28
10/02/22	London Marathon	5th	1:30:44
09/25/22	Berlin Marathon	4th	1:29:06

WOMEN'S WHEELCHAIR DIVISION



MANUELA SCHÄR | SWITZERLAND

BIRTHDATE: December 5, 1984

AGE: 41

RESIDENCE: Kriens, Switzerland

PERSONAL BEST: 1:28:17 (Boston, 2017)

Manuela Schär is a six-time Paralympian with three gold medals, five silver medals and two bronze medals. Her most recent Paralympic gold came in Paris in 2024, when she broke her own Paralympic record to win the 800m. She also earned silver in the 400m and narrowly missed the marathon podium with a fourth-place finish. Schär made her Bank of America Chicago Marathon debut in 2013, and in 10 appearances she has compiled two victories, six runner-up finishes (including 2024 and 2025), one third-place finish and one fourth-place finish. One of the greatest women's wheelchair racers of all time, Schär won 10 consecutive Abbott World Marathon Majors between 2018 and 2019, including back-to-back Chicago titles. She remains the official women's wheelchair marathon world record holder with her time of 1:35:42 set in Oita, Japan, in 2019 (she has raced faster in Boston, but the course is not record eligible). In total, she has recorded nearly 50 top-four finishes across the Abbott World Marathon Majors, including 19 victories and 16 runner-up finishes. She is the Abbott World Marathon Majors Series XI, XII and XIII champion and added another podium finish in 2026 with third place at the London Marathon.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2024 Paralympic gold medalist, 800m
- 2024 Tokyo Marathon champion
- Abbott World Marathon Majors Series XI, XII and XIII champion
- Six-time Paralympian
- 2020 Paralympic silver medalist, marathon
- 2018 and 2019 Chicago Marathon champion
- Six-time Chicago Marathon runner-up (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2024, 2025)
- 2013 World Para Athletics Championships marathon gold medalist

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/26/26	London Marathon	3rd	1:41:21
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	4th	1:37:24
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:39:03
04/27/25	London Marathon	3rd	1:41:06
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	3rd	1:39:18
03/02/25	Tokyo Marathon	4th	1:37:51
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	3rd	1:59:20
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:39:03
09/08/24	Paris Paralympic Marathon	4th	1:49:42
04/21/24	London Marathon	2nd	1:45:00
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	2nd	1:36:41
03/03/24	Tokyo Marathon	1st	1:40:10
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	2nd	1:47:54
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:41:19

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS, CONTINUED

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/24/23	Berlin Marathon	3rd	1:34:17
04/23/23	London Marathon	2nd	1:38:52
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	2nd	1:45:11
09/25/22	Berlin Marathon	2nd	1:36:50
04/18/22	Boston Marathon	1st	1:41:08
11/07/21	New York City Marathon	3rd	1:54:02
10/11/21	Boston Marathon	1st	1:35:21
10/03/21	London Marathon	1st	1:39:52
09/26/21	Berlin Marathon	1st	1:37:31
09/05/21	Tokyo Paralympic Marathon	2nd	1:38:12
11/03/19	New York City Marathon	1st	1:44:20
10/13/19	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:41:08
09/29/19	Berlin Marathon	1st	1:38:07
10/07/18	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:41:38
10/08/17	Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:39:17
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:42:29
10/11/15	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:41:56
10/12/14	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:45:12
10/13/13	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:42:37



TATYANA MCFADDEN | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: April 21, 1989

AGE: 37

RESIDENCE: Dagsboro, Delaware

PERSONAL BEST: 1:31:30 (Duluth, 2019)

No athlete has enjoyed more success at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon than Tatyana McFadden. In 16 appearances, she has nine victories, two runner-up finishes, four third-place finishes (including 2024 and 2025), and one seventh-place finish. McFadden competed in her seventh Paralympic Games in Paris in 2024, representing the United States in the 100m, 400m, 800m and marathon. She now owns 22 Paralympic medals, including eight gold medals, the most by any American track and field Paralympian. McFadden made her marathon debut in Chicago in 2009, winning a dramatic sprint finish in which the top five women were separated by just three

seconds. She has won 24 Abbott World Marathon Majors since 2009, including five victories each at the Boston, London and TCS New York City Marathons. After finishing third at the Chicago Marathon in 2025, she followed with a runner-up finish at the TCS New York City Marathon. McFadden remained among the world's elite in 2026, adding a runner-up finish at the London Marathon. In the spring of 2026, she became just the second Paralympian to receive the prestigious AAU James E. Sullivan Award, presented annually to the nation's most outstanding amateur athlete. She also continues to excel on the track, winning the 100m and 400m at the 2025 U.S. Para Championships.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Nine-time Chicago Marathon champion
- Seven-time Paralympian
- 22-time Paralympic medalist, including eight gold medals
- 24 Abbott World Marathon Majors victories
- Four Abbott World Marathon Majors Grand Slams (2013–2016)
- Five-time Boston Marathon champion (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018)
- Four-time London Marathon champion (2013, 2014, 2016, 2016)
- Five-time New York City Marathon champion (2010, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2016)
- 2026 AAU James E. Sullivan Award winner
- 2020 Road Runners Club of America Hall of Fame inductee
- 2016 ESPY Award winner, Best Female Athlete with a Disability
- Emmy Award-winning producer, Rising Phoenix (Best Long Sports Documentary)

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/07/26	Chicago 13.1	1st	50:27
04/26/26	London Marathon	2nd	1:38:34
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	3rd	1:36:43
11/02/25	New York City Marathon	2nd	1:47:54
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:39:04
04/27/25	London Marathon	5th	1:46:50
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	5th	1:48:52
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	2nd	1:58:47
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:41:59
09/08/24	Paris Paralympic Marathon	7th	1:53:52
04/21/24	London Marathon	3rd	1:45:51

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS, CONTINUED

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/17/24	New York City Half Marathon	2nd	58:42
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	6th	1:53:31
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:41:17
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	8th	1:52:59
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:49:46
11/07/21	New York City Marathon	2nd	1:53:59
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:48:57
09/26/21	Berlin Marathon	2nd	1:38:54
09/05/21	Tokyo Paralympic Marathon	5th	1:40:14
10/13/19	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:45:22
04/16/18	Boston Marathon	1st	2:04:39
10/07/18	Chicago Marathon	7th	1:56:35
10/08/17	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:39:15
11/06/16	New York City Marathon	1st	1:47:43
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:42:28
09/18/16	Rio Paralympic Marathon	2nd	1:38:44
04/24/16	London Marathon	1st	1:44:14
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04/15/13	Boston Marathon	1st	1:45:24
10/07/12	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:49:52
09/09/12	London Paralympic Marathon	10th	1:58:47
10/09/11	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:45:03
11/07/10	New York City Marathon	1st	2:02:22
10/10/10	Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:56:11
10/11/09	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:50:47



CATHERINE DEBRUNNER | SWITZERLAND

BIRTHDATE: April 11, 1995

AGE: 31

RESIDENCE: Geuensee, Switzerland

PERSONAL BEST: 1:34:16 (Berlin, 2023), World Record

Catherine Debrunner has emerged as the dominant force in women's wheelchair racing. Since making her Abbott World Marathon Majors debut in Berlin in 2022, she has won eleven major marathons, including back-to-back Chicago Marathon titles in 2023 and 2024, Tokyo in 2025 and four London Marathon victories. At her U.S. debut in Chicago in 2023, she outsprinted Susannah Scaroni for the victory before returning in 2024 to win by nearly three minutes. Although her bid for a third consecutive Chicago title ended with a sixth-place finish in 2025, Debrunner remains one of the sport's most accomplished athletes. At the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games, she captured five gold medals—in the 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m and marathon—while adding silver in the 100m and setting four Paralympic records. Debrunner owns the world records in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and marathon in the T53 classification. In 2026, she continued her remarkable run by finishing runner-up at the Boston Marathon before winning her fourth London Marathon title. Debrunner began wheelchair racing in 2015, qualifying immediately for the World Para Athletics Championships and earning silver in the 200m. After taking time away to complete her university studies, she returned to win gold in the 400m and silver in the 800m at the 2019 World Championships before capturing Paralympic gold in the 400m at the Tokyo Paralympic Games. She was named the 2023 Laureus World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2025 Tokyo Marathon champion
- 2024 Paralympic Games gold medalist (400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, marathon)
- 2024 Paralympic Games silver medalist (100m)
- Two-time London Marathon champion (2022, 2025, 2026)
- 2023 TCS New York City Marathon champion
- Two-time Chicago Marathon champion (2023, 2024)
- Two-time Berlin Marathon champion (2022, 2023)
- 2023 World Para Athletics Championships gold medalist (400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m)
- 2023 World Para Athletics Championships silver medalist (100m)
- 2023 Laureus World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability
- 2020 Paralympic Games gold medalist (400m)
- 2019 World Para Athletics Championships gold medalist (400m)
- World Record holder, Women's T54 marathon, 1:34:16 (Berlin, 2023)

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS, CONTINUED

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/26/26	London Marathon	1st	1:38:29
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	2nd	1:32:59
02/28/26	Tokyo Marathon	1st	1:37:15
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	6th	1:45:42
04/27/25	London Marathon	1st	1:34:18
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	2nd	1:37:26
03/02/25	Tokyo Marathon	1st	1:35:56
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:36:12
09/29/24	Berlin Marathon	1st	1:35:23
09/08/24	Paris Paralympic Marathon	1st	1:41:50
04/21/24	London Marathon	1st	1:38:54
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	1st	1:39:32
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:38:44
09/24/23	Berlin Marathon	1st	1:34:16
04/23/23	London Marathon	3rd	1:38:54
10/02/22	London Marathon	1st	1:38:24
09/25/22	Berlin Marathon	1st	1:36:47



EDEN RAINBOW-COOPER | GREAT BRITAIN

BIRTHDATE: May 17, 2001

AGE: 25

RESIDENCE: Portsmouth, Great Britain

PERSONAL BEST: 1:35:11 (Boston, 2024)

Eden Rainbow-Cooper has quickly become one of the top contenders at the Chicago Marathon, finishing fourth in each of her first two appearances in 2024 and 2025. Her breakthrough on the Abbott World Marathon Majors circuit came in 2024 when she became the first British woman to win the Boston Marathon wheelchair title. Later that year, she represented Great Britain at her first Paralympic Games in Paris, competing in the 1500m, 5000m and marathon. Rainbow-Cooper continued her steady rise in 2025 with fourth-place finishes at the Boston, London and Chicago Marathons before taking another major step forward in 2026, capturing her second

Boston Marathon title and finishing runner-up at the Tokyo Marathon. Born with sacral agenesis, she began wheelchair racing at the age of 13 and has rapidly developed into one of the leading contenders on the Abbott World Marathon Majors circuit. Away from competition, she works in digital marketing.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Two-time Boston Marathon champion (2024, 2026)
- First British woman to win the Boston Marathon wheelchair title
- 2024 Paralympian (1500m, 5000m, marathon)
- Runner-up, 2026 Tokyo Marathon
- Runner-up, 2023 Berlin Marathon
- Silver medalist, 2022 Commonwealth Games marathon
- British marathon record holder

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	1st	1:30:51
03/01/26	Tokyo Marathon	2nd	1:41:13
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:41:59
09/21/25	Berlin Marathon	3rd	1:40:19
08/31/25	Sydney Marathon	2nd	1:53:41
04/27/25	London Marathon	4th	1:44:49
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	4th	1:43:13
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	4th	2:00:21
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:46:04
04/21/24	London Marathon	6th	1:50:39
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	1st	1:35:11
03/17/24	New York City Half Marathon	3rd	59:09
03/03/24	Tokyo Marathon	2nd	1:40:28
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	4th	1:49:34
09/24/23	Berlin Marathon	2nd	1:34:17
04/23/23	London Marathon	7th	1:47:43
04/17/23	Boston Marathon	7th	2:06:45
07/30/22	Commonwealth Games Marathon	2nd	1:59:45



JENNA FESEMEYER | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: January 31, 1997

AGE: 29

RESIDENCE: Champaign, IL

PERSONAL BEST: 1:33:50 (Duluth, 2022)

Following her second Paralympic Games, where she reached the final of the 5000m and finished 13th in the marathon, Jenna Fesemyer returns as one of the most accomplished American wheelchair marathoners of her generation. She has recorded top 10 finishes at the Chicago, New York City, Tokyo, Boston and London Marathons, highlighted by third-place finishes in Chicago in 2021 and 2022. Fesemyer was also runner-up at the inaugural Chicago 13.1 in both 2022 and 2023. She began wheelchair racing in 2013 as a high school student in Ohio and quickly emerged as a trailblazer in adaptive sports. Fesemyer became Ohio's first female wheelchair high school track and field state champion, and by her senior year in 2014, four more girls and nine boys had joined her in competition. She made her marathon

debut at the Chicago Marathon in 2016, finishing ninth, and has since become a fixture on the Abbott World Marathon Majors circuit. Away from competition, Fesemyer recently earned her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, where her research focused on creating more inclusive opportunities for youth with physical disabilities through sport. In 2026, she and her husband, Michael, welcomed their first child, Stella.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Two-time Paralympian (2020, 2024)
- 2023 Grandma's Marathon champion
- Third place, 2022 Chicago Marathon
- Third place, 2021 Chicago Marathon
- Runner-up, 2022 Chicago 13.1
- Runner-up, 2023 Chicago 13.1
- Ohio's first female wheelchair high school track and field state champion

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/08/24	Paris Paralympic Marathon	13th	2:05:42
04/21/24	London Marathon	10th	1:50:45
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	9th	1:46:21
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	8th	1:59:19
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	7th	1:49:31
09/24/23	Berlin Marathon	12th	1:44:34
06/17/23	Grandma's Marathon	1st	1:47:20
06/04/23	Chicago 13.1	2nd	51:25
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	5th	1:51:38
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:49:52
06/18/22	Grandma's Marathon	2nd	1:33:50
06/05/22	Chicago 13.1	2nd	52:21
04/18/22	Boston Marathon	5th	1:55:59
11/07/21	New York City Marathon	4th	1:59:45
10/11/21	Boston Marathon	6th	1:59:51
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:50:23
10/03/21	London Marathon	9th	2:03:08
09/05/21	Tokyo Paralympic Marathon	11th	1:50:06
10/04/20	London Marathon	3rd	1:52:16
10/13/19	Chicago Marathon	7th	1:53:37
10/07/18	Chicago Marathon	8th	1:56:37
10/08/17	Chicago Marathon	11th	2:11:47
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	9th	2:18:11



HODA ELSHORBAGY | EGYPT

BIRTHDATE: June 1, 1990

AGE: 36

RESIDENCE: Urbana, IL

PERSONAL BEST: 1:45:22 (Boston, 2026)

Hoda Elshorbagy has established herself as one of the Abbott World Marathon Majors' most consistent women's wheelchair competitors, recording consecutive seventh-place finishes at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon in 2024 and 2025. After making the move from her native Egypt to train at the University of Illinois, Elshorbagy has quickly risen through the international ranks while pursuing a degree in kinesiology. From a small village in Egypt, she discovered wheelchair racing while watching Tatyana McFadden compete at the 2016 Paralympic Games. In 2019, she received a grant to purchase her first custom racing chair, and in 2020 she traveled to the United States to meet University of Illinois coach Adam Bleakney and the Illini wheelchair racing team. Elshorbagy became the first Egyptian athlete to win any division of the ASICS Falmouth Road Race in 2024 and followed that breakthrough with a ninth-place finish at the 2025 Boston Marathon, runner-up finishes at the 2025 ASICS Falmouth Road Race and 2025 B.A.A. 10K, and a third-place finish at the 2026 B.A.A. 10K. She hopes to become Egypt's first qualified wheelchair racing coach and expand opportunities for adaptive athletes in her home country.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Seventh place, 2024 & 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- Third place, 2026 B.A.A. 10K
- Top-10 finisher, 2025 Boston Marathon
- Runner-up, 2025 B.A.A. 10K
- Runner-up, 2025 ASICS Falmouth Road Race
- 2024 Falmouth Road Race champion (first Egyptian athlete to win any division)

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Year	Race	Place	Time
04/20/26	Boston Marathon	9th	1:45:22
10/12/25	Chicago Marathon	7th	1:50:33
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	9th	1:55:19
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	6th	2:01:48
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	7th	1:46:20
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	12th	1:58:38



EVA HOUSTON | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: January 24, 2001

AGE: 25

RESIDENCE: Omaha, NE

PERSONAL BEST: 1:59:49 (Duluth, 2022)

Eva Houston has established herself as one of the world's top T34 wheelchair racers, earning a reputation as a consistent medal contender on the track while now beginning to make her mark on the roads. A two-time Paralympian, Houston captured the bronze medal in the 800 meters at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games after also finishing fourth in the 100 meters. She won another international bronze in the 800 meters at the 2023 World Para Athletics Championships and has been a fixture on Team USA since making her Paralympic debut in Tokyo. Born with cerebral palsy, Houston discovered wheelchair racing as a freshman in high school after competing in wheelchair basketball and helped advocate for the inclusion of wheelchair racing at the Nebraska High School State Championships. She went on to become one of the standout athletes in the University of Illinois wheelchair racing program while earning a degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Science.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2024 Paralympic Games bronze medalist (800m)
- 2023 World Para Athletics Championships bronze medalist (800m)
- Fourth place, 2024 Paralympic Games (100m)
- 7th place, 2022 Grandma's Marathon
- Two-time U.S. Paralympian (Tokyo 2020, Paris 2024)

MAJOR ROAD RACE RESULTS

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/18/22	Grandma's Marathon	7th	1:59:49