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Feyisa.....	Lilesa.....	ETH.....	2:04:52
Abel.....	Kirui.....	KEN.....	2:05:04
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Galen.....	Rupp.....	USA.....	2:09:58
Luke.....	Puskedra.....	USA.....	2:10:24
Zersenay.....	Tadese.....	ERI.....	2:10:41
Jeffrey.....	Eggleston.....	USA.....	2:10:52
Chihiro.....	Miyawaki.....	JPN.....	2:11:50
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Aaron.....	Braun.....	USA.....	2:12:54
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Sam.....	Chelanga.....	USA.....	---
Noah.....	Droddy.....	USA.....	---
Chris.....	Derrick.....	USA.....	Debut
Yuki.....	Takamiya.....	JPN.....	Withdrawn
Jordan.....	Chipangama.....	ZAM.....	Withdrawn

Women

First name	Last name	Country	Marathon PR
Tirunesh.....	Dibaba.....	ETH.....	2:17:56
Florence.....	Kiplagat.....	KEN.....	2:19:44
Madaí.....	Pérez.....	MEX.....	2:22:59
Valentine.....	Kipketer.....	KEN.....	2:23:02
Jordan.....	Hasay.....	USA.....	2:23:00
Brigid.....	Kosgei.....	KEN.....	2:24:54
Lisa.....	Weightman.....	AUS.....	2:25:15
Karolina.....	Nadolska.....	POL.....	2:26:31
Jessica.....	Draskau-Petersson.....	DEN.....	2:30:07
Becky.....	Wade.....	USA.....	2:30:41
Dot.....	McMahan.....	USA.....	2:31:48
Sarah.....	Crouch.....	USA.....	2:32:44
Maegan.....	Krifchin.....	USA.....	2:33:30
Alia.....	Gray.....	USA.....	2:34:00
Michelle.....	Lilienthal.....	USA.....	2:34:50
Danna.....	Herrick.....	USA.....	2:34:53
Kristen.....	Heckert.....	USA.....	2:39:37

Wheelchair men

First name	Last name	Country	Marathon PR
Marcel.....	Hug.....	SUI.....	1:18:04
Ernst.....	Van Dyk.....	RSA.....	1:18:04
Kurt.....	Fearnley.....	AUS.....	1:18:51
Hiroki.....	Nishida.....	JPN.....	1:20:28

First name	Last name	Country	Marathon PR
Kota.....	Hokinoue.....	JPN.....	1:21:14
Josh.....	George.....	USA.....	1:21:47
Rafael.....	Botello Jimenez.....	ESP.....	1:22:09
Aaron.....	Pike.....	USA.....	1:22:09
Ryota.....	Yoshida.....	JPN.....	1:23:18
Jun.....	Hiromichi.....	JPN.....	1:23:23
Kozo.....	Kubo.....	JPN.....	1:23:24
Jordi.....	Madera Jimenez.....	ESP.....	1:23:26
Krige.....	Schabort.....	USA.....	1:23:44
Simon.....	Lawson.....	GBR.....	1:25:06
Adam.....	Bleakney.....	USA.....	1:26:03
Tomoki.....	Suzuki.....	JPN.....	1:26:03
Brian.....	Siemann.....	USA.....	1:26:46
Sho.....	Watanabe.....	JPN.....	1:28:01
Patrick.....	Monahan.....	IRL.....	1:29:10
Thomas.....	Frühwirth.....	AUT.....	1:29:39
Gyu.....	Dae Kim.....	KOR.....	1:30:08
Jose.....	Jimenez.....	CRC.....	1:31:36
Alexandre.....	Dupont.....	CAN.....	1:33:14
Jose.....	Pulido.....	USA.....	1:37:22
Fidel.....	Aguilar.....	USA.....	1:38:28
Christian.....	Clemmons.....	USA.....	1:39:02
Brendan.....	Quinn.....	USA.....	2:15:08
Stephen.....	Kozziel.....	USA.....	2:41:35
Tye.....	DeWald.....	USA.....	3:19:36
Joey.....	Gibbs.....	USA.....	Debut

Wheelchair women

First name	Last name	Country	Marathon PR
Manuela.....	Schär.....	SUI.....	1:28:17
Amanda.....	McGrory.....	USA.....	1:33:13
Susannah.....	Scaroni.....	USA.....	1:33:17
Tatyana.....	McFadden.....	USA.....	1:35:04
Sandra.....	Graf.....	SUI.....	1:35:44
Chelsea.....	McClammer.....	USA.....	1:37:09
Katrina.....	Gerhard.....	USA.....	1:40:34
Arielle.....	Rausin.....	USA.....	1:41:26
Madison.....	de Rozario.....	AUS.....	1:53:44
Jenna.....	Fesemyer.....	USA.....	1:59:52
Sammi.....	Kinghorn.....	GBR.....	Debut

Men's biographies



Stanley Biwott

Birthdate: 04/21/86

Citizenship: Kenya

Sponsor: Nike

30K World Record holder (shared with Eliud Kipchoge)

Personal records

Marathon	2:03:51 (London, 2016)
Half marathon	58:56 (Ras Al Khaimah, 2013)

Career overview

Biwott will make his Chicago Marathon debut as the seventh fastest man in history over the marathon distance (2:03:51) and the 11th fastest man in history over the half marathon on a record eligible course (58:56). Biwott made his mark in the AbbottWMM with a victory at the 2015 New York City Marathon by dominating the final 10K in 28:35 (his road 10K PR is 28:00). He followed that race with a standout performance at the 2016 London Marathon, finishing second to Eliud Kipchoge in a career best, 2:03:51 (Biwott and Kipchoge share the 30K world record, 1:27:13, set during the London Marathon). Biwott has finished in the top five of ten marathons, including winning his debut marathon in Brazil in 2010, the 2011 Chuncheon Marathon and the 2012 Paris Marathon.

Biwott entered the 2016 Olympic Games as a strong medal contender, but dropped out shortly after the 22-mile mark, citing stomach problems. He closed out 2016 with a DNF at the New York City Marathon, and he was forced to withdraw from the 2017 London Marathon due to a persistent hamstring injury. If Biwott toes the line in Chicago healthy, he should finish on the podium. He is a smart runner who can race well with or without pacers.

Personal

Biwott's older brother, Norris Kipkemboi Biwott, is a 2:11:29 marathoner.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/30/17	Bogota Half Marathon	4th	1:05:54

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
11/06/16	New York City Marathon	-	DNF
08/21/16	Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games	-	DNF
04/24/16	London Marathon	2nd	2:03:51
11/01/15	New York Marathon	1st	2:10:34
04/26/15	London Marathon	4th	2:06:41
04/13/14	London Marathon	2nd	2:04:55
11/03/13	New York City Marathon	5th	2:10:41

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/21/13	London Marathon	8th	2:08:39
12/02/12	Shanghai International Marathon	3rd	2:09:05
04/15/12	Paris Marathon	1st	2:05:12
10/23/11	Chuncheon Chosunilbo Marathon	1st	2:07:03
10/17/10	Reims Marathon	2nd	2:09:41
05/02/10	Sao Paulo Marathon	1st	2:11:19



Aaron Braun

Birthdate: 05/28/89
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Flagstaff, AZ
Sponsor: Hoka NAZ Elite
Twitter: @aaBrauny

2013 U.S. 12K Champion

Personal records

Marathon	2:12:54 (Houston, 2015)
Half marathon	1:01:38 (Houston, 2014)

Career overview

On Twitter, Braun describes himself by writing, "I love my wife and baby girls, sometimes I like running." Running loves Braun. He was a self-professed "mediocre" high school runner with modest PRs, but he smashed mediocrity at Division II Adams State where he emerged as a 16-time All-American with six national titles. Today Braun stands out as one of the most versatile American runners from 5000m to the marathon, boasting PRs of 13:20.25 for 5000m, 27:41.54 for 10,000m, 1:01:38 for the half and 2:12:54 for the marathon.

Braun started his professional career with a fifth place finish in the 10,000m at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials and he grabbed headlines in 2013 when he won the U.S. 12K National Championships. He made his marathon debut in 2014 (2:19:51) and ran his personal best 10 months later in Houston, finishing as the top American in 2:12:54. Injuries derailed him from running the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials, but he returned to racing in the fall of 2016 to capture the crown at the Big Sur Half Marathon. While 2017 has not been a banner year for Braun, it has been a good year. He finished fifth at the U.S. 25K National Championships in May, and he won the Sacramento SacTown 10 mile in April. With a pair of top 10 finishes in just two career marathons, Braun is still an exciting newcomer to the 42K distance.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/05/17	Cape Elizabeth Beach to Beacon	7th	29:00
05/29/17	Boulder International Challenge	13th	30:14
05/13/17	Grand Rapids U.S. 25 km Road Running Ch.	5th	1:16:24
04/29/17	Columbus U.S. Half Marathon Ch.	6th	1:03:44
04/02/17	Sacramento SacTown 10M	1st	49:08
03/31/17	Palo Alto Stanford Invitational	-	DNF
01/15/17	Houston Half Marathon	17th	1:04:01

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
01/18/15	Houston Marathon	7th	2:12:54
03/09/14	Los Angeles Marathon	7th	2:19:51



Andrew Bumbalough

Birthdate: 03/14/87
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Portland, OR
Sponsor: Nike
Twitter: @abumbalough

2013 U.S. 5K Champion

Personal records

Marathon	2:13:58 (Tokyo, 2017)
Half marathon	1:02:04 (New York, 2015)

Career overview

Bumbalough showed immense promise as a high school runner – arguably the best high school runner ever to materialize from the state of Tennessee – when he finished his career with 10 state championships in cross country and track. He graduated from Brentwood Academy in 2005 and started his collegiate jaunt at Georgetown where he accumulated six All-American honors and cemented his reputation as a 5000m star. He reached the Olympic "A" standard in the 5000m in 2012, but his Olympic dream was deferred when he finished a heartbreaking fourth in the final. He rebounded in 2013 by becoming the U.S. 5K national champion.

Bumbalough's marathon debut came after "a long gestation period," according to the Bowerman Track Club, where he is a member. While he exhibited signs of a strong marathon runner early on, injuries sidelined him from making his debut in 2015, and from competing in the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. He finally made his debut this February in Tokyo, running a steady and controlled pace to finish in 2:13:58. Following Tokyo, he took part in the Nike Breaking2 project as a pacer for 2014 Chicago Marathon champion Eliud Kipchoge. He clicked off a series of 4:35 miles in an attempt to lead Kipchoge to history's first sub two-hour marathon. While Kipchoge missed the mark by a mere 25 seconds, Bumbalough gained a new perspective for the marathon distance.

"It was pretty out-of-this world stuff," he told the Scene. "It was really cool to see an athlete like Kipchoge to be so relaxed and so comfortable and so confident about his ability to do it."

Bumbalough has represented the U.S. on the track in the 5000m at the 2011 IAAF World Championships, finishing ninth, and at the 2014 IAAF Continental Cup, finishing seventh. He also represented the U.S. at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships in 2011. He made his global debut as a junior competitor in the 1500m in 2006.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/25/17	Boston B.A.A. 10K	11th	29:47:00
02/26/17	Tokyo Marathon	25th	2:13:58

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/26/17	Tokyo Marathon	25th	2:13:58



Ezekiel Chebii

Birthdate: 01/03/91

Citizenship: Kenya

Residence: Eldoret

Sponsor: Adidas

Personal records

Marathon	2:06:07 (Amsterdam, 2016)
Half marathon	59:05 (Lille, 2012)

Career overview

Chebii started running internationally as a teenager in 2009. After a brief attempt at a track career, he quickly moved to the roads where he excelled in the 10K distance. He dipped under 28:00 on the roads in 2010 and he used that speed to make his half marathon debut in 2011. By 2012, he became the 16th fastest man in history over the half marathon distance when he set a course record in Lille, 59:05. Given his half marathon speed, expectations were high for his marathon debut, and Chebii delivered, opening his marathon career in 2014 in style (he DNF'd his first attempt in 2012). He won the Madrid Marathon and set both a course and an all-comers record (2:09:15). He returned to Madrid in 2015 to pick up another win, and he finally hit his stride in the marathon in 2016 when he ran closer to his potential in Amsterdam, finishing fifth in 2:06:07. Prior to that breakthrough, most of his marathon times hovered in the 2:09-2:12 range.

Chebii started his 2017 season at the Otsu Lake Biwa Marathon fit and ready to run 2:06, but strong winds spoiled his ambitions. In spite of less than ideal conditions, he still finished first in 2:09:06. The Bank of America Chicago Marathon marks his first time competing in the AbbottWMM series.

Personal

Chebii has trained with some great marathon runners, including Moses Mosop, Wilson Chebet and 2014 and 2015 Chicago Marathon runner up, Sammy Kitwara. When asked if his training partners would stop and wait for him to tie his shoe if one of his laces came untied, Chebii smiled and said, "no, no."

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/10/17	Zwolle Half Marathon	4th	1:03:40
03/05/17	Otsu Lake Biwa Marathon	1st	2:09:06

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/05/17	Otsu Lake Biwa Marathon	1st	2:09:06
10/16/16	Amsterdam Marathon	5th	2:06:07
04/17/16	Hamburg Marathon	6th	2:12:45

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/18/15	Amsterdam Marathon	2nd	2:07:18
04/26/15	Madrid Marathon	1st	2:12:00
01/23/15	Dubai Standard Chartered Marathon	17th	2:13:14
04/27/14	Madrid Rock 'n' Roll Marathon	1st	2:09:15
10/21/12	Amsterdam Marathon	-	DNF



Sam Chelanga

Birthdate: 02/23/85

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Tucson, AZ

Sponsor: Nike

2015 & 2016 U.S. 10 Mile Champion

2015 U.S. 12K Champion

Personal records

Marathon	1:01:04 (Boston, 2013)
Half marathon	27:08.39 (Palo Alto, 2010 – NCAA record)

Career overview

Sam Chelanga, a back-to-back NCAA cross country champion and a two-time NCAA champion in the 5000m and 10,000m and the NCAA 10,000m record holder (27:08.39), will make his second attempt at the marathon distance. After becoming a U.S. citizen in 2015, Chelanga (with a half marathon personal best of 1:01:04) made his marathon debut at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. After briefly moving to the front of the race amid hot and humid conditions, he eventually lost contact with the lead pack and dropped out. In 2015 and 2016, Chelanga won the U.S. 10 Mile championships, and he started 2017 with a bang, winning both the World's Best 10K in San Juan and the New York Healthy Kidney 10K; he also finished 11th at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships and third at the U.S. 20K Championships.

Chelanga made history as a collegiate athlete at Liberty University, repeatedly smashing school and course records (and engaging in some epic battles with fellow Chicago Marathon competitor, Galen Rupp). In 2010, he became the first back-to-back IC4A 5K champion in program history, he enjoyed the largest margin of victory (25 seconds) at the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships since 1996, and in 2011, he went undefeated in cross country.

Personal

Chelanga was the 10th of 11 children born in a small village in Kenya. His brother, Joshua, was a professional runner with a personal best of 2:07:05 (run in Berlin in 2004). His brother trained with former world record holder and legend, Paul Tergat. While Chelanga initially wanted to become a lawyer, Tergat convinced him that he needed to take up running in order to receive a scholarship and fulfill his dreams of receiving a college education. With Tergat's help, Chelanga was able to secure a visa and a scholarship to Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. He transferred to Liberty University after a year. Outside of running, Chelanga and his wife, Marybeth, have been instrumental in providing water filters to his home village in Kabarsel.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/04/17	U.S. 20K Championships	2nd	59:16
07/04/17	Atlanta Peachtree Road Race 10K	3rd	28:25:00
06/22/17	Sacramento USA Championships 10K	7th	29:08.3
05/29/17	Boulder International Challenge 10K	3rd	29:08:00

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/29/17	Columbus U.S. Half Marathon Ch.	2nd	1:03:04
04/09/17	New York Healthy Kidney 10K	1st	28:21:00
03/26/17	Kampala IAAF World Cross Country Championships	11th	29:12:00
3/11/17	Jacksonville Gate River Run 15K	3rd	43:28:00
2/26/17	San Juan World's Best 10K	1st	28:19:00

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials	-	DNF



Chris Derrick

Birthdate: 10/17/90
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Portland, OR
Sponsor: Nike
Twitter: @CDerrickRun

2013, 2014, 2015 U.S. Cross Country Champion

Personal records

Marathon debut

Half marathon 1:01:12 (New York, 2017)

Career overview

Derrick made a name for himself as a high school student at Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville, Ill. where he won the 2007 Illinois state cross country championships. He made a smooth transition to Stanford University where he set the former American junior 5000m record (13:29.98) and became a 14-time All-American. He is one of only six athletes to finish in the top 10 at the NCAA championships four times, and he still holds the fastest collegiate 10,000m time ever run by an American, 27:31.38. As a professional athlete with the Bowerman Track Club, he became a three-time U.S. Cross Country national champion (2013-2015), and he finished fourth in the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials 10,000m. Early in his professional career, he looked unstoppable, but his training from 2013-2015 was frequently interrupted by injuries and a series of starts and stops. Derrick re-emerged in good form in 2016 (he finished fifth in the U.S. Olympic Trials 10,000m), and he will be making his much anticipated marathon debut on the heels of two standout performances: a 1:01:12 at the New York City half marathon, and as one of the elite pacers for Nike's Breaking2 project (where 2014 Chicago Marathon champion Eliud Kipchoge became the fastest marathoner in history with a stunning 2:00:25 performance).

Derrick left Italy inspired by both his experience as a pacer and by Kipchoge's calm, confident demeanor. He later explained to Runner's World: "I was already pretty excited to run a marathon but now in some ways I'm more inspired and in some ways more afraid, because seeing that a person can run that pace for that long is almost scary. I've been moving towards the marathon stuff for a while Being around guys that have run 2:05 has given me new perspective—hopefully it will help me aim higher in my career."

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/04/17	Atlanta Peachtree Road Race 10K	4th	28:39
06/22/17	Sacramento USA Championships 10,000m	8th	29:12.6
06/11/17	Portland Track Festival 1500m	9th	03:43.6
05/27/17	Eugene Prefontaine Classic 5000m	24th	13:33.4
03/19/17	New York Half Marathon	6th	1:01:12
02/26/17	Boston BU Last Chance Meet 5000m	8th	13:19.4



Noah Droddy

Birthdate: 09/22/90
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Boulder, CO
Sponsor: Saucony
Twitter: @IBuiltTheArk

Personal records

Half marathon

1:01:48 (New York, 2017)

Career overview

Droddy's image went viral after his appearance at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials 10,000m. His hippie-like long hair, tinted sunglasses, backwards hat and mustache set off a Twitter and social media bonanza with everyone asking the same question, "Who is Noah Droddy?" One headline went so far as to call Droddy the "Mustachioed, beer-drinking hero who crashed the Trials." But Droddy didn't crash the Trials; he qualified like every other runner on the start line . . . he just had a bad day and finished last. Since then, the former two-time All-American Division III Depauw University star has made a statement in the sport and gained national respect. He finished second at the 2016 U.S. 10 Mile Championships (on the heels of Sam Chelanga) and ninth at the U.S. Half Marathon Championships. He is a two-time Olympic Trials qualifier, and his most recent performance, a 1:01:48 half marathon, speaks volumes about his potential in the marathon (Droddy made his official debut at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials, but dropped out). Droddy trains in Boulder, CO with the Roots Running Project.

Personal

On the Roots Running Project website (rootsrunning.org), Droddy explains his story this way: "I ran by a front lawn the other day. A mother was pushing her son in a swing hanging from a tree. He said, 'Mom, why is that man running?' She answered, 'Well, honey, some people like to run.' A smile on my face, I thought, 'That about covers it.' In Boulder, by way of Indiana. Thankful for the successes I've had and those that got me there."

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/05/17	Palo Alto Payton Jordan Invitational 10,000m	15th	28:23.5
04/14/17	Torrance Mt. SAC Relays Invitational 5000m	12th	13:47.9
03/19/17	New York Half Marathon	7th	1:01:48
01/15/17	Houston Half Marathon	15th	1:03:22

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/16/16	U.S. Olympic Marathon Team Trials	-	DNF



Jeffrey Eggleston
Birthdate: 10/01/84
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Boulder, CO
Sponsor: Adidas
Twitter: @jde66leston

Personal records

Marathon	2:10:52 (Gold Coast, AUS 2014)
Half marathon	1:02:41 (Houston, 2015)

Career overview

Eggleston, a veteran of 20 marathons, made his debut quietly in 2010, debuting in 2:14:32 and then finishing second at the U.S. Marathon Championships. Over the past seven years, he has been a consistent performer and a steady presence on U.S. national teams, competing in the 2011, 2013 and 2015 IAAF World Marathon Championships and the 2011 Pan-American Games. He finished as high as 13th in the world championships and eighth in an AbbottWMM (Boston 2014). Eggleston first raised eyebrows at the 2011 Pittsburgh Marathon when he was contracted to pace the first 18 miles. Instead of dropping out, he hammered to the finish and won. He ran his personal best, 2:10:52, at the 2014 Gold Coast Airport Marathon in Australia, and he entered the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials with the fourth fastest qualifying time (he finished 13th).

Eggleston, a prolific racer, competed in his first Chicago Marathon in 2012, finishing 16th, and he has continued to run well in the U.S. AbbottWMM events, including a 14th place in New York (2013) and a twelfth place in Boston (2015). He kicked off 2017 with back-to-back-to back-to-back marathons, finishing 27th at the Beppu-Oita Marathon in February, finishing fourth in Warsaw in April, winning the Movistar Marathon in Lima, Peru in May and then taking the crown at the San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in June. Unlike most professional runners who compete in one to two marathons per year, the Chicago Marathon marks Eggleston's fifth marathon in 2017.

Personal

Eggleston trains alone and tends to avoid the spotlight. He explained his philosophy to Competitor in 2015: "I keep pretty quiet and I don't share a lot of what I do, and I think it works to my advantage. You can be pretty quiet and run 2:12 or 2:10 and even finish 13th in the world championships. But I love that. It also keeps me grounded in reality because, although I'm really happy with the things I've been doing, it also keeps me really hungry. And it really makes me appreciate where I have been the last few years and really wanting to seize the opportunities I have now and be able to maximize my potential in the major races and championship races."

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/04/17	San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon	1st	2:21:17
05/21/17	Lima Marathon	1st	2:15:25
04/23/17	Warszawa Marathon	4th	2:14:00

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/05/17	Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon	27th	2:18:42
01/15/17	Tempe Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Half Marathon	1st	1:04:50

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/04/17	San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon	1st	2:21:17
05/21/17	Lima Marathon	1st	2:15:25
04/23/17	Warszawa Marathon	4th	2:14:00
02/05/17	Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon	27th	2:18:42
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Team Trials	13th	2:17:20
08/22/15	Beijing IAAF World Championships	-	DNF
07/05/15	Gold Coast Airport Marathon	-	DNF
04/20/15	Boston Marathon	12th	2:14:17
12/07/14	Fukuoka Marathon	-	DNF
07/06/14	Gold Coast Airport Marathon	2nd	2:10:52
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	8th	2:11:57
01/19/14	Houston Marathon	-	DNF
11/03/13	New York City Marathon	14th	2:16:35
08/17/13	Moskva IAAF World Championships	13th	2:14:23
04/07/13	Paris Marathon	17th	2:14:57
10/07/12	Chicago Marathon	16th	2:12:03
06/03/12	San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon	8th	2:13:13
05/06/12	Pittsburgh Marathon	2nd	2:14:26
03/03/12	Woodlands Marathon	1st	2:15:42
10/30/11	Guadalajara Pan American Games	-	DNF
09/04/11	Daegu IAAF World Championships	37th	2:23:33
06/18/11	Duluth Grandma's Marathon	5th	2:13:12
05/15/11	Pittsburgh Marathon	1st	2:16:40
10/03/10	St. Paul Twin Cities Marathon (Men's US Marathon Ch.)	2nd	2:14:09
01/17/10	Tempe Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Marathon	6th	2:14:32



Diego Estrada

Birthdate: 12/19/89
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Flagstaff, AZ.
Coach: Joe Vigil
Sponsor: Asics
Twitter: @estradadiego

2015 U.S. Half Marathon champion

Personal records

Marathon	2:13:56 (Chicago, 2016)
Half marathon	1:00:51 (Houston, 2015)
10,000m	27:30.53 (Eugene, 2015)

Career overview

Diego Estrada took the running world by storm when he won the 2015 U.S. Half Marathon Championships in Houston, turning in the seventh fastest time in American history, 1:00:51. Comparisons to American record holder Ryan Hall followed and many in the sport eagerly awaited Estrada's marathon debut. He finally made his 26.2-mile entrance at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials in Los Angeles. He hung with the leaders for 18 miles before succumbing to the heat and dropping out. Estrada attempted to make the U.S. Olympic team one more time on the track, finishing a distant 11th in the 5000m - well outside of the position he needed to represent the United States in Rio (prior to the 5000m, he dropped out of the 10,000m). Overall, Estrada ranks 14th on the all-time list of fastest American men over 10,000m (27:30.53).

Estrada made a solid post-Trials comeback by ending his 2016 season at the Chicago Marathon with an eighth place finish in 2:13:56 despite a fall at the 10K aid station. He kicked off his 2017 season with a 1:01:54 eighth place at the New York City half marathon and a second place finish at the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K.

Born in Mexico but raised in the U.S., Estrada represented Mexico at the 2012 London Olympic Games in the 10,000m, making the final and finishing 21st in 28:36. At the time, he was already an accomplished runner at Northern Arizona University. He graduated from NAU in 2013 as a nine-time All-American. He became a U.S. citizen in 2014 and won his first U.S. title soon after at the 5K Road Championships.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/22/17	Sacramento USA Championships 10,000m	6th	29:08.1
06/11/17	Portland Track Festival 5000m	8th	13:32.1
05/29/17	Boulder International Challenge 10K	9th	29:59
05/05/17	Palo Alto Payton Jordan Invitational 10,000m	6th	27:48.6
04/02/17	Shamrock Shuffle 8K (Chicago)	2nd	23:06
03/19/17	New York Half Marathon	8th	1:01:54

Career marathon

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	8th	2:13:56
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials	-	DNF



Brendan Gregg

Birthdate: 05/15/89
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Rochester Hills, MI.
Coach: Keith and Kevin Hanson
Sponsor: Brooks
Twitter: @bg_gregg

Personal records

Marathon 2:18:30 (Chicago, 2014)
Half marathon 1:03:35 (Richmond, 2013)

Career overview

Gregg made his marathon debut in Chicago in 2014 in 2:18:30. He went on to run in the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials, but he dropped out before the nine-mile mark. His only other career marathon was last year at the California International Marathon – he finished just outside of his PR in 2:18:33. Gregg is no stranger to the streets of Chicago, though. He raced well in the highly competitive Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K in 2014, 2015 and 2016, finishing second, fourth and seventh, respectively.

Gregg, a two-time NCAA All-American in Track & Field, and a member of Stanford's third place team at the 2009 NCAA Cross Country Championships, has made his reputation on the track. He finished eighth in the 10,000m at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials and he set a new personal best in the 10,000m in 2015, 28:03.27, making him the eleventh fastest American that year.

Personal

Gregg and his sister, Kaitlin Gregg Goodman, were the first brother and sister to compete in the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials on the same day.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/29/17	Columbus U.S. Half Marathon Ch.	17th	1:07:53
04/13/17	Torrance Mt. SAC Relays Invitational 10,000m	-	DNF

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
12/04/16	Sacramento California International Marathon	9th	2:18:33
02/13/16	U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials	-	DNF
10/12/14	Chicago Marathon	28th	2:18:30



Jonas Hampton

Birthdate: 01/20/89
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Medford, MA
Twitter: @JonasHampton

Personal records

Marathon 02:15:58 (Hartford, 2015)
Half marathon 01:03:57 (Houston, 2015)

Career overview

Jonas Hampton gained media attention after his debut marathon at the 2015 Hartford Marathon. While he considered making his debut at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials (he qualified based on his half marathon time), he ultimately decided to tackle the distance beforehand. After running with a small pack for 16 miles, Hampton made a break up a hill and never looked back. He went into the race expecting to run around 2:18, and then he experienced the kind of debut all runners hope for: he exceeded his expectations, achieved the Olympic Trials "A" standard and added a victory to his resume. He also ended a 19-year drought for the state of Connecticut – he was the first person from the state to win the race since 1996.

Hampton, a University of Hartford graduate and a full-time highway design engineer, didn't have the race he dreamed of having at the Trials. In spite of struggling with the heat over the final 13 miles of the course, he hung on to finish in the top 50. Hampton has spent a large portion of his 2017 season on the track honing his speed. His eighth place finish at the U.S. 20K Championships shows that his marathon training is on pace for Chicago.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/04/17	U.S. 20K Championships	8th	1:01:26
06/10/17	Portland Track Festival 10,000m	31st	29:53.4
06/03/17	Waltham Battle Road Twilight Series 3000m	3rd	08:30.7
05/07/17	Philadelphia Blue Cross Broad Street Run 10 Mile	7th	49:36:00
03/11/17	Jacksonville Gate River Run 15K	29th	46:18:00
02/25/17	Staten Island Fastrack Last Chance 5000m	2nd	14:30.8
01/28/17	Boston John Thomas Terrier Classic 5000m	2nd	14:17.5

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials	48th	2:27:21
10/10/15	Hartford Marathon	1st	2:15:58



Luke Humphrey

Birthdate: 04/10/81
 Citizenship: United States
 Residence: Rochester Hills, MI
 Coach: Keith and Kevin Hanson
 Sponsor: Brooks
 Twitter: @LucasHumphrey

Personal records

Marathon 2:14:39 (San Diego, 2011)
 Half marathon 1:03:58 (New Orleans, 2011)

Career overview

This year will be Humphrey's sixth Chicago Marathon appearance. He debuted at the 2004 race and has finished as high as 12th in 2010. He was one of the first, and has been one of the most consistent members, of the Hansons-Brooks Distance Project for the past 13 years. He ran a personal best, 2:14:39, at the 2011 Rock 'n' Roll San Diego Marathon, which gave him top American honors and fifth place overall. He has been a top-12 finisher at the Chicago, Boston and New York City marathons, and he has qualified for three U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials (2008, 2012 and 2016).

Humphrey and some of his teammates coach runners of all abilities as part of Hanson's Coaching Services, LLC. In 2012, he wrote a book, Hansons Marathon Method, along with his coaches, Keith and Kevin Hanson. To date, the book has received positive reviews and led to many runners setting new personal bests.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	24th	2:23:12
03/19/17	New York Half Marathon	42nd	1:09:52

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	24th	2:23:12
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon	-	DNF
03/15/15	Los Angeles Marathon	18th	2:25:43
10/12/14	Chicago Marathon	27th	2:18:19
01/19/14	Houston Marathon	13th	2:16:34
01/14/12	Houston U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon	-	DNF
06/05/11	San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon	5th	2:14:39
10/10/10	Chicago Marathon	12th	2:15:49
04/20/09	Boston Marathon	16th	2:18:48
11/02/08	New York City Marathon	11th	2:18:38
11/03/07	New York U.S. Olympic Trials	43rd	2:20:34
10/22/06	Chicago Marathon	18th	2:15:22
04/17/06	Boston Marathon	11th	2:15:23
10/09/05	Chicago Marathon	17th	2:20:21
10/10/04	Chicago Marathon	17th	2:18:49



Bernard Kipyego

Birthdate: 07/16/86
 Citizenship: Kenya
 Residence: Eldoret
 Sponsor: Adidas

Personal records

Marathon 2:06:19 (Amsterdam, 2015)
 Half marathon 59:10 (Rotterdam, 2009)

Career overview

Kipyego returns to Chicago after finishing third in 2011 and sixth in 2012. He started his international career 14 years ago as a junior competitor and he has represented Kenya on the track (5000m and 10,000m), in cross country and on the roads. He picked up a silver medal in cross country at the IAAF World Championships as a junior in 2005 and a bronze medal in the senior competition in 2007. He amassed another silver medal at the 2009 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships where he clocked a swift 59:59 but he failed to match the dominating foot-speed of Zersenay Tadese (Tadese won in 59:35). He has consistently run under 60 minutes in the half marathon six times and under 2:07 in the marathon five times; he set his current personal best, 2:06:19, in Amsterdam in 2015. While he has fared well in the Abbott World Marathon Majors series, a victory continues to elude him; he has finished third in Boston and Chicago, and second and third in Tokyo. Outside of the AbbottWMM competition, he won the Amsterdam Marathon twice (2014, 2015).

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/18/17	Nairobi Kenya Police Ch.	1st	29:12.9
04/23/17	Gifu Seiryu Half Marathon	4th	1:01:27
02/26/17	Tokyo Marathon	6th	2:08:10

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/26/17	Tokyo Marathon	6th	2:08:10
10/16/16	Amsterdam Marathon	8th	2:06:45
02/28/16	Tokyo Marathon	2nd	2:07:33
10/18/15	Amsterdam Marathon	1st	2:06:19
04/20/15	Boston Marathon	4th	2:10:47
10/19/14	Amsterdam Marathon	1st	2:06:22
04/13/14	Rotterdam Marathon	3rd	2:07:58
10/20/13	Beijing International Marathon	2nd	2:07:19
08/17/13	Moskva IAAF World Championships	12th	2:14:01
02/24/13	Tokyo Marathon	3rd	2:07:53
10/07/12	Chicago Marathon	6th	2:06:40

04/16/12	Boston Marathon	3rd	2:13:13
Date	Race	Place	Time
10/09/11	Chicago Marathon	3rd	2:06:29
04/10/11	Paris Marathon	2nd	2:07:16
09/26/10	Berlin Marathon	6th	2:08:50
04/11/10	Rotterdam Marathon	5th	2:07:01



Abel Kirui

Birthdate: 04/06/82
Citizenship: Kenya
Sponsor: Nike
Twitter: @abelkirui1

2016 Chicago Marathon Champion
2012 London Olympics Marathon Silver Medalist
2009 and 2011 IAAF World Marathon Champion

Personal records

Marathon	2:05:04 (Rotterdam, 2009)
Half marathon	1:00:11 (Rotterdam, 2007)

Career overview

Kirui returns to Chicago to defend his Chicago Marathon title after putting on a show in 2016, out-dueling Dickson Chumba to the line in a tactical race that saw pace swings from 4:33 per mile to 5:24 per mile. Kirui battled Chumba, the 2015 Chicago Marathon champion, for the final two and a half miles until Kirui launched an attack that Chumba could not match. In spite of running the slowest winning time since 1993, 2:11:23, Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director Carey Pinkowski called the race "spirited," "entertaining" and "great theater." Kirui entertained fans with a dance at the finish line.

Kirui knows how to win major championship races, and he fares particularly well when the race is more strategic and tactical than paced like a time trial. He took home a silver medal at the 2012 London Olympic Games in the marathon, and he stood on top of the podium at the 2009 and 2011 IAAF World Marathon Championships. In addition to his major championship wins, he won the 2008 Vienna Marathon, and he finished as the runner-up at the 2007 Berlin Marathon. Kirui set his PR, 2:05:04, at the 2009 Rotterdam Marathon.

Kirui has lined up at all of the AbbottWMM (although he started Boston in 2015, he did not finish). A lack of pacemakers, a solid showing in London this spring and the confidence that comes with being a defending champion should position Kirui well for another top finish in Chicago.

Personal

Kirui founded the Great Joy Educational Centre in Eldoret, Kenya. The Great Joy Educational Centre is a boarding school that helps children in poverty to receive a primary school education. Kirui regularly visits students to "speak with them and check on their happiness and well-being." greatjoykenya.org

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/23/17	London Marathon	4th	2:07:45
02/12/17	Barcelona Half Marathon	4th	1:01:30

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/23/17	London Marathon	4th	2:07:45

10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	1st	2:11:23
Date	Race	Place	Time
02/28/16	Tokyo Marathon	5th	2:08:06
10/18/15	Amsterdam Marathon	10th	2:10:55
04/20/15	Boston Marathon	-	DNF
10/19/14	Amsterdam Marathon	6th	2:09:45
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	10th	2:09:04
08/12/12	London Olympic Games	2nd	2:08:27
04/22/12	London Marathon	6th	2:07:56
09/04/11	Daegu IAAF World Championships	1st	2:07:38
11/07/10	New York City Marathon	9th	2:13:01
04/25/10	London Marathon	5th	2:08:04
08/22/09	Berlin IAAF World Championships	1st	2:06:54
04/05/09	Rotterdam Marathon	3rd	2:05:04
04/27/08	Vienna City Marathon	1st	2:07:38
02/17/08	Tokyo Marathon	-	DNF
01/18/08	Dubai Standard Chartered Dubai Marathon	-	DNF
09/30/07	Berlin Marathon	2nd	2:06:51
04/29/07	Vienna Marathon	3rd	2:10:41
12/03/06	Singapore Marathon	3rd	2:15:22
09/24/06	Berlin Marathon	9th	2:17:47



Sisay Lemma

Birthdate: 12/12/90
 Citizenship: Ethiopia
 Resides: Ethiopia
 Sponsor: Nike

Personal records

Marathon	2:05:16 (Dubai, 2016)
Half marathon	1:01:11 (Berlin, 2016)

Career overview

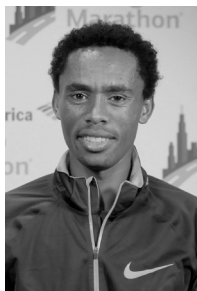
Lemma began his career running barefoot at the age of 17, and while many young athletes start on the track or in cross country, Lemma shot straight to the marathon. He made his debut in 2012 by winning the Capri Marathon in 2:11:58. Over the past five years, he has won a total of four marathons, including an historic win in Vienna in 2015. He outran the elite field by four minutes, the largest margin of victory in the event's history. In 2015, he also became the first Ethiopian to win the Frankfurt Marathon. His biggest time breakthrough came in Dubai in 2016 when he broke 2:06 and ran 2:05:16. He followed Dubai with his first appearances in the AbbottWMM series. He ran in London and Berlin, impressing in both with seventh and fourth place finishes, respectively. While Lemma is relatively new to the AbbottWMM, he is an exciting athlete who seems to thrive on flat and fast courses like Chicago.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
01/20/17	Dubai Standard Chartered Marathon	3rd	2:08:04

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
01/20/17	Dubai Standard Chartered Marathon	3rd	2:08:04
09/25/16	Berlin Marathon	4th	2:06:56
04/24/16	London Marathon	7th	2:10:45
01/22/16	Dubai Standard Chartered Marathon	4th	2:05:16
10/25/15	Frankfurt Marathon	1st	2:06:26
04/12/15	Vienna City Marathon	1st	2:07:31
01/23/15	Dubai Standard Chartered Marathon	5th	2:07:06
10/13/13	Eindhoven Marathon	4th	2:09:44
04/21/13	Warszawa Marathon	1st	2:09:02
01/10/13	See Genezareth Tiberias Marathon	5th	2:09:08
10/28/12	Frankfurt Marathon	49th	2:28:14
10/14/12	Carpi Marathon Memorial Enzo Ferrari	1st	2:11:58



Feyisa Lilesa

Birthdate: 02/01/90

Citizenship: Ethiopia

Residence: Flagstaff, AZ

Sponsor: Nike

2016 Rio Olympic Games Marathon Silver Medalist

Personal records

Marathon	2:04:52 (Chicago, 2012)
Half marathon	59:22 (Houston, 2012)

Career overview

Just two months after his 20th birthday in 2010, Lilesa became the youngest athlete to break 2:06 in the marathon with his 2:05:23 performance in Rotterdam. He went on to finish third at the 2010 Chicago Marathon, and he captured the bronze medal at the 2011 IAAF World Championships. Lilesa is known as an aggressive front-runner who isn't afraid to chase the leaders on record pace. This strategy has seen him either finish strong with a fast time or lose speed over the final miles before ultimately fading out of contention.

One of his most successful front-running tactics came at the 2012 Chicago Marathon where he battled it out with fellow countryman, Tsegaye Kebede, over the final miles of the course. Kebede broke the tape first, but both men cracked 2:05.

Lilesa recently gained international attention following his Olympic silver medal at the Rio Olympics. He crossed his arms above his head at the finish line of the marathon to protest Ethiopia's treatment of his ethnic group, the Oromo people. Fearing for his life, Lilesa remained in Brazil and then came to the United States. He received a permanent green card and he has been living and training in Flagstaff. His 2017 season started with a second place finish at the Houston half marathon and a win at the competitive New York City Half Marathon. He struggled in London, but then rebounded with a win at the Bogota Half Marathon.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/30/17	Bogotá Half Marathon	1st	1:04:30
04/23/17	London Marathon	12th	2:14:12
03/19/17	New York Half Marathon	1st	1:00:04
01/15/17	Houston Half Marathon	2nd	1:01:14

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/23/17	London Marathon	12th	2:14:12
12/11/16	Honolulu Marathon	4th	2:15:57
08/21/16	Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games	2nd	2:09:54
02/28/16	Tokyo Marathon	1st	2:06:56
09/27/15	Berlin Marathon	3rd	2:06:57

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/12/15	Rotterdam Marathon	5th	2:09:55
01/23/15	Dubai Standard Chartered Marathon	4th	2:06:35
10/12/14	Chicago Marathon	-	DNF
04/13/14	London Marathon	9th	2:08:26
10/27/13	Frankfurt Marathon	-	DNF
08/17/13	Moskva IAAF World Championships	-	DNF
04/21/13	London Marathon	4th	2:07:46
10/07/12	Chicago Marathon	2nd	2:04:52
04/22/12	London Marathon	9th	2:08:20
09/04/11	Daegu IAAF World Championships	3rd	2:10:32
04/10/11	Rotterdam Marathon	7th	2:11:42
10/10/10	Chicago Marathon	3rd	2:08:10
04/11/10	Rotterdam Marathon	4th	2:05:23
01/02/10	Xiamen International Marathon	1st	2:08:47
10/26/09	Dublin Marathon	1st	2:09:120



Kohei Matsumura

Birthdate: 11/05/86

Citizenship: Japan

Residence: Nagasaki

Sponsor: Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems

Personal records

Marathon	2:08:09 (Tokyo, 2014)
Half marathon	1:03:21 (Marugama, 2011)

Career overview

Toshihiko Seko was the last and only runner from Japan to ever win the Chicago Marathon (1986), but Matsumura has the potential to compete with the best athletes in this year's field. He gained international notoriety in 2014 when he was the first runner from Japan across the line at the Tokyo Marathon, finishing eighth in 2:08:09. He made his international marathon debut at the 2014 Incheon Asian Games where he finished second by just one second. Following the race, a disappointed Matsumura remarked: "My goal was to win the gold medal. I'm glad I could run well, but it's very disappointing not to get the gold. I have to train much harder."

Matsumura started his year with a fifth place finish at the Otsu Lake Biwa Marathon in 2:11:04. This October marks his first time competing outside of Asia.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/20/17	Kita-Kyushu Kyushu Corporate Team Ch.	11th	28:47.8
04/29/17	Nobeoka Spring Time Trials	6th	13:56.5
03/05/17	Otsu Lake Biwa Marathon	5th	2:11:04

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/05/17	Otsu Lake Biwa Marathon	5th	2:11:04
02/28/16	Tokyo Marathon	19th	2:13:46
02/22/15	Tokyo Marathon	25th	2:16:08
10/03/14	Incheon Asian Games	2nd	2:12:39
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	8th	2:08:09
03/03/13	Otsu Lake Biwa Marathon	7th	2:10:12
02/05/12	Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon	4th	2:11:18
12/05/10	Fukuoka Marathon	-	DNF



Ryoichi Matsuo

Birthdate: 08/02/91

Citizenship: Japan

Residence: Nobeoka, Miyazaki Pref.

Coach: Tadayuki Ojima

Sponsor: Asahi Kasei

Personal records

Marathon	2:12:11 (Nobeoka, 2014)
Half marathon	1:04:13 (Osaka, 2016)

Career overview

Matsuo returns to Chicago after starting his 2017 season with a win at the Nobeoka Marathon. He struggled in his first Chicago Marathon and AbbottWMM appearance last fall, faltering over the second half of the race. In addition to running the Chicago Marathon in 2016, he has only raced one other marathon outside of Japan: Paris in 2013.

After making his marathon debut in 2012 in 2:18:15, he has steadily improved, dropping his personal best to 2:12:11 to finish second at the 2014 Nobeoka Marathon. Matsuo trains up to 187 miles/week with a 31-mile long run. He says his hardest workout is running 25K (15.5 miles) in the morning and 30K (18.6 miles) in the afternoon for a total of 55K or 34 miles in one day.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/14/17	Sendai Half Marathon	26th	1:05:43
02/12/17	Nobeoka Marathon	1st	2:13:36
01/29/17	Osaka Half Marathon	13th	1:05:38

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/12/17	Nobeoka Marathon	1st	2:13:36
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	14th	2:18:50
02/14/16	Nobeoka Marathon	1st	2:15:09
12/06/15	Fukuoka Marathon	22nd	2:20:45
08/30/15	Sapporo Hokkaido Marathon	7th	2:18:56
03/01/15	Otsu Lake Biwa Marathon	12th	2:15:20
02/01/15	Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon	11th	2:13:39
08/31/14	Sapporo Hokkaido Marathon	2nd	2:16:32
04/20/14	Nagano Commemorative Marathon	4th	2:15:50
02/09/14	Nobeoka Marathon	2nd	2:12:11
04/07/13	Paris Marathon	21st	2:16:28
02/10/13	Nobeoka Marathon	17th	2:19:48
11/23/12	Otawara Marathon	1st	2:16:55
04/15/12	Nagano Olympic Commemorative Marathon	6th	2:18:15



Chihiro Miyawaki

Birthdate: 08/28/91
Citizenship: Japan
Sponsor: Toyota Motor Corporation
Twitter: @cmiyatter

Personal records

Marathon 2:11:50 (Tokyo, 2014)
Half marathon 1:00:53 (Yamaguchi, 2012)

Career overview

Miyawaki was dubbed the hottest distance runner in Japan after he won the 2012 Yamaguchi Japan Industrial Teams Half Marathon Championships as a 20-year-old in a Japanese debut record, 1:00:53. His half marathon PR makes him the fifth fastest Japanese half marathon runner of all time, and his 10,000m on the track, 27:41.57, makes him the 10th fastest Japanese runner over 10,000m in history. Expectations were exceedingly high for Miyawaki's marathon debut in 2014. While he didn't disappoint with a 15th place finish and a 2:11:50, his track speed and half marathon PR point to faster times on the horizon.

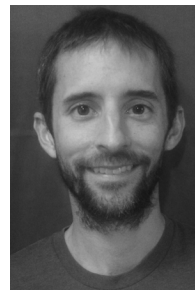
The 2017 Chicago Marathon marks Miyawaki's first AbbottWMM competition, and his first time racing in the U.S. With just two marathons on his legs, he remains a relative newcomer and a bit of a wildcard.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/23/17	Shibetsu Half Marathon	29th	1:07:13
07/13/17	Abashiri Hokuren Distance Challenge	27th	29:53.9
03/05/17	Otsu Lake Biwa Marathon	25th	2:16:51
02/05/17	Marugame Half Marathon	32nd	1:03:00

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/05/17	Otsu Lake Biwa Marathon	25th	2:16:51
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	15th	2:11:50



Mike Morgan

Birthdate: 02/20/80
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Rochester Hills, MI
Coach: Keith and Kevin Hanson
Sponsor: Brooks

Personal records

Marathon 2:14:22 (Houston, 2012)
Half marathon 1:02:56 (New Orleans, 2010)

Career overview

Morgan is a longtime member of the Hansons-Brooks Distance Project (since 2005). Some of his best results have come at the Chicago Marathon, including a 2:15:11 debut in 2006 and a 2:14:55 at the 2010 race, finishing 11th overall and third American. He ran a personal best 2:14:22 at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials, good for 17th place.

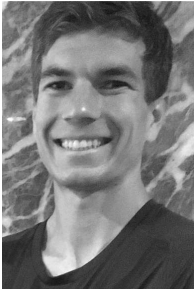
He has twice represented Team USA at the World Championships Marathon, finishing as high as 23rd at the 2007 race. He was three-time NCAA Division III All-American at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/04/17	Frankenmuth 20K	1st	1:05:23
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	30th	2:25:02
03/19/17	New York Half Marathon	35th	1:08:42

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	30th	2:25:02
02/13/16	U.S. Olympic Trials Los Angeles	20th	2:20:59
03/15/15	Los Angeles Marathon	7th	2:16:56
10/12/14	Chicago Marathon	15th	2:14:42
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	13th	2:14:40
10/13/13	Chicago Marathon	16th	2:15:01
04/14/13	Rotterdam Marathon	15th	2:17:05
01/14/12	U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon, Houston	17th	2:14:22
09/04/11	IAAF World Championships Marathon, Daegu	31st	2:18:35
10/10/10	Chicago Marathon	11th	2:14:55
12/06/09	California International Marathon	4th	2:15:27
10/05/08	Twin Cities Marathon	4th	2:17:58
11/03/07	U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon, New York	12th	2:17:58
08/25/07	IAAF World Championships Marathon, Osaka	23rd	2:23:28
10/22/06	Chicago Marathon	15th	2:15:11



Luke Puskedra

Birthdate: 02/08/90

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Eugene, OR

Twitter: @lukepuskedra

Personal records

Marathon	2:10:24 (Chicago, 2015)
Half marathon	1:01:29 (Houston, 2016)

Career overview

"With 10K to go, just get on the pony and ride. I was all-out, I think. I imagined myself to be Usain Bolt, but probably looked like Luke Puskedra out there." – Luke Puskedra, 2015 Chicago Marathon post-race interview

Luke Puskedra arrived in Grant Park in 2015 with a 2:15:27 PR and the confidence that he was ready to exchange that time for a much better one. In a race without pacesetters for the first time in more than two decades, Puskedra settled into the lead pack, his lanky 6'4" inch frame towering over the much smaller runners around him. With a calm cadence, he passed the half in 1:05:13, and he remained in the lead group until Dickson Chumba threw down a 4:35 20th mile to shake things up. Puskedra kept a consistent, steady pace, enough to run a five-minute PR, 2:10:24, earn a top five finish and turn in the fastest time by an American in 2015. He became just the sixth American over the last two decades to score a top five finish at the Chicago Marathon. Puskedra returned to Chicago in 2016 seeking another breakthrough race, but he struggled to reclaim his 2015 form. He finished 19th in 2:20:18. He started 2017 with a stronger performance in Boston, finishing ninth in 2:14:45.

Puskedra gained a broader audience two years ago when he emerged as the comeback story of the year: after a highly anticipated, but disappointing debut at the 2014 New York City Marathon (2:28:54), he briefly quit the sport and gained 23 pounds. But he didn't give up. He slowly climbed his way back, and he was a favorite to make the 2016 Olympic marathon team, but he finished one spot off the podium in fourth place – his Olympic dream postponed until 2020.

Puskedra graduated from the University of Oregon in 2012, where he was an 11-time NCAA All-American; he made a seamless transition to the roads even before he finished his collegiate career. During his senior year, he excited fans with his half marathon debut in Houston, finishing in fourth place in 1:01:36.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	9th	2:14:45
04/02/17	Washington Cherry Blossom 10M	13th	47:57:00
03/11/17	Jacksonville Gate River Run 15K	12th	44:46:00
01/15/17	Houston Half Marathon	12th	1:03:14

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	9th	2:14:45
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	19th	2:20:18
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Team Trials	4th	2:14:12
10/11/15	Chicago Marathon	5th	2:10:24
06/20/15	Duluth Grandmas Marathon	6th	2:15:27
11/02/14	New York Marathon	36th	2:28:54



Galen Rupp

Birthdate: 05/05/86
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Eugene, OR
Coach: Alberto Salazar
Sponsor: Nike

2016 Olympic Games Marathon Bronze medalist

2017 U.S. 20K Champion

2012 Olympic Games 10,000m Silver medalist

2009-2016 U.S. 10,000m champion

2012 U.S. 5000m Champion

American Records: 10,000m, indoor 3000m, indoor two-mile, indoor 5000m

Personal records

Marathon	2:09:58 (Boston, 2017)
Half marathon	1:00:30 (New York, 2011)
10,000m	26:44.36 (Eugene, 2012)
5000m	12:58.90 (Eugene, 2012)

Career overview

Rupp, a three-time Olympian, an eight-time USATF 10,000m champion and a member of the Nike Oregon Project, made his marathon debut in 2016 by winning the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. He currently owns four American records in the 10,000m (26:44.36), indoor 3,000m (7:30.16), indoor two-mile (8:07.41) and indoor 5,000m (13:01.26). He is the 15th fastest man in history over 10,000m, and his 5000m PR, 12:58.90, puts him in an exclusive category of American runners – he is one of only six Americans to break 13:00 for the distance.

At the 2012 London Olympics, Rupp became the first American since 1964 to earn a medal in the 10,000m; he captured the silver after throwing down a final 400m lap in a blazing 53.8 seconds. At the 2016 Rio Olympics, he earned a bronze medal in the marathon, proving that he can compete with the best on the global stage (and eight days earlier, he placed fifth in the 10,000m final). He followed his Olympic performance with a dazzling run in Boston in April, finishing second to Geoffrey Kirui in 2:09:58. It took Kirui 24 miles to finally shake the American off the top of the podium.

Following Boston, Rupp explained, “I was hurting a lot the last 3 or 4 miles. ... You’ve got to dig down deep and just find whatever it is to hold onto to drive you through the finish line. That’s what I tried to do today. Even though it wasn’t necessarily the result I wanted, I was very, very happy the way I was able to close it out.”

Rupp returned to his roots on the track in June, winning the Portland Track Festival 10,000m and the Portland Stumptown 5000m, but his failure to capture his ninth consecutive 10,000m U.S. championship on the track marked the end of an era. Rupp has run the 10,000m at the Olympic Games or World Championships every year since 2007, and he remained undefeated at the U.S. Championships from 2009-2016. But as his track career draws to a close, his marathon career is just heating up.

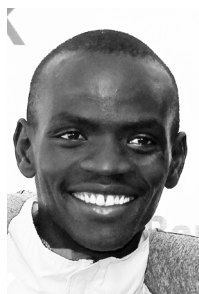
2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/04/17	U.S. 20K Championships	1st	59:04

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/22/17	Sacramento USA Championship 10,000m	5th	29:04.6
06/16/17	Portland Stumptown Twilight 5000m	1st	13:54.9
06/10/17	Portland Track Festival 10,000m	1st	28:18.3
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	2nd	2:09:58
04/01/17	Praha Half Marathon	11th	1:01:59

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/21/16	Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games	3rd	2:10:05
04/17/16	Boston Marathon	2nd	2:09:58
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Team Trials	1st	2:11:13



Stephen Sambu

Birthdate: 07/07/88

Citizenship: Kenya

Residence: Tucson, AZ

Coach: James Li

Sponsor: Nike

Twitter: @Sksambu

8K Road world best

2015, 2016 & 2017 Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K Champion

Personal records

Marathon	2:13:35 (Chicago, 2017)
Half marathon	1:00:41 (Boston, 2013)
10,000m	26:54.61 (Eugene, 2014)
8K Road (world best)	22:01.1 (Boston, 2014)

Career overview

Stephen Sambu, a native of Kenya living and training in Arizona, stands out as one of the strongest competitors on the road racing circuit today. He made his marathon debut in Chicago in 2016, finishing fifth in 2:13:35 (the winning time in 2016 was the slowest since 1993). He enters this year's race with more experience and with another Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K title to his name – he scored the hat trick in April when he claimed victory for the third year in a row. He now owns the fourth, sixth and fourteenth fastest times in Shamrock Shuffle 8K history.

Sambu ran into the record books in 2014 when he posted a 22:01.1 8K en route to a 10K victory at the B.A.A. 10K. His time stands as the current world best, making him the fastest man in history over the 8K distance. He is on a roll in 2017, opening his season with a fourth place finish at the competitive New York Half Marathon, and then claiming second at the Boston B.A.A. 5K and 10K, third at the San Juan World's Best 10K and third at the New York Healthy Kidney 10K. Sambu regularly performs well, and after picking up back-to-back-to-back Shamrock Shuffle 8K titles, he is treated like a hometown hero by Chicago fans.

Prior to bursting onto the professional road running circuit, Sambu spent some time in Illinois at Rend Lake Junior College where he captured 10 individual national championships, including two NJCAA national cross country titles. He finished his career at the University of Arizona as a nine-time NCAA All-American, and the 2011 PAC 10 10,000m champion and the 2012 PAC 12 10,000m champion. Sambu holds PRs of 13:13 in the 5,000m, 26:54 in the 10,000m and 1:00:41 in the half marathon. His 10K best on the road, 27:25, is the 18th fastest time in history.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/05/17	Cape Elizabeth Beach to Beacon 10K	4th	28:16
06/25/17	Boston B.A.A. 10K	2nd	28:03
06/02/17	Somerville Adidas Boost Boston Games	-	DNF
05/27/17	Eugene Prefontaine Classic 5000m	21st	13:23.8
04/15/17	Boston B.A.A. 5K	2nd	13:22
04/09/17	New York Healthy Kidney 10K	3rd	28:31
04/02/17	Shamrock Shuffle 8K (Chicago)	1st	22:47

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/19/17	New York Half Marathon	4th	1:00:55
02/26/17	San Juan World's Best 10K	3rd	28:34

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	5th	2:13:35



Michael Shelley

Birthdate: 11/11/87

Citizenship: Australia

Twitter: @MShelley42km

2014 Commonwealth Games Champion

2010 Commonwealth Games Silver medalist

Personal records

Marathon	2:11:15 (Glasgow, 2014)
Half marathon	1:01:27 (New York, 2012)

Career overview

Shelley, a two-time Olympian in the marathon (2012, 2016), began running at the age of 13. He focused his early efforts on shorter distances, and he made his global debut as a junior competitor in the steeplechase in 2002. From 2002-2009, he primarily competed in shorter distances, but when injuries overtook his career, he contemplated giving up the sport. Fortunately, his coach persuaded him to give longer distances a shot, and it paid off.

Shelley made his marathon debut in Rotterdam in 2010, finishing 12th in 2:13:05. He chased his debut with a silver medal at the 2010 Commonwealth Games, and his real breakthrough came in 2014 when he took the gold at the Commonwealth Games in a personal best, 2:11:15. He became the first Australian to win the Commonwealth Games men's marathon since Steve Moneghetti in 1994. Shelley made his Bank of America Chicago Marathon debut in 2013, finishing 12th in 2:13:11.

Outside of the marathon, Shelley has represented Australia at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships in 2004, 2007, 2008 and 2009, and at the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships in 2008 (16th place) and 2016 (20th place).

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/09/17	Sydney Harbour 10K	2nd	29:34:00
04/23/17	London Marathon	10th	2:11:38

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/23/17	London Marathon	10th	2:11:38
08/21/16	Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games	47th	2:18:06
09/27/15	Berlin Marathon	12th	2:12:20
04/26/15	London Marathon	12th	2:11:19
07/27/14	Glasgow Commonwealth Games	1st	2:11:15
10/13/13	Chicago Marathon	12th	2:13:11
02/03/13	Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon	6th	2:13:12
08/12/12	London Olympic Games	16th	2:14:10
10/16/11	Amsterdam Marathon	11th	2:11:23

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/17/11	London Marathon	9th	2:11:38
10/14/10	New Delhi Commonwealth Games	2nd	2:15:28
04/11/10	Rotterdam Marathon	12th	2:13:05



Zersenay Tadese

Birthdate: 01/15/87

Citizenship: Eritrea

Sponsor: Nike

Half Marathon World Record holder (58:23)
2007, 2008, 2009 and 2012 IAAF World Half Marathon Champion
2007 IAAF World Cross Country Champion
2006 IAAF World 20K Champion
2004 Olympic 10,000m Bronze medalist

Personal records

Marathon	2:10:41 (London, 2012)
Half marathon	58:23 (Lisbon, 2010)
10,000m	26:37.25 (Brussels, 2006)

Career overview

Tadese arrives in Chicago beaming with untapped marathon potential. He reigns as the current half marathon world record holder (58:23), and he is a four-time Olympian, a four-time IAAF World Half Marathon champion, a one-time IAAF World 20K champion (2006) and a one-time IAAF World Cross Country champion (2007). He won the bronze medal at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games in the 10,000m and he is the eighth fastest man in history over the distance (26:37.25).

Tadese, who got his start in sports as a cyclist and then switched into serious running in 2002, has only finished three marathons: London in 2010 and 2012 and the Nike Breaking2 marathon this past spring (he recorded a DNF in Chicago in 2013 and Boston in 2015). While his official personal best is 2:10:41, he ran 2:06:51 in the Breaking2 marathon (times from the Nike Breaking2 marathon were not eligible for records). In the lead up to the Breaking2 marathon, Tadese was referred to as the "Rocky Balboa" of the group (the three men attempting to break two hours included Tadese, Eliud Kipchoge and Lelisa Desisa). Given his speed over 10,000m and 21K, he should be in the hunt for a top finish.

Personal

Tadese's younger brother, Kidane Tadese, is a 5000m/10,000m and cross country specialist; he finished sixth at the 2006 World Junior Championships in the 5000m, and he was a double finalist at both the Beijing Olympic Games (10th at 5000m, 12th at 10,000m) and the World Championships in Berlin in 2009 (9th at 10,000m).

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/06/17	Nike Breaking2	2nd	2:06:51

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/06/17	Nike Breaking2	2nd	2:06:51
04/20/15	Boston Marathon	-	DNF
10/13/13	Chicago Marathon	-	DNF
04/22/12	London Marathon	12th	2:10:41
04/25/10	London Marathon	7th	2:12:03

Women's biographies



Caitlin Chrisman

Birthdate: 12/21/85

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Mountain View, CA

Twitter: @caitchris

Personal records

Marathon	2:38:47 (Chicago, 2016)
Half marathon	1:14:24 (Duluth, 2014)

Career overview

Caitlin Chrisman enters this year's elite athlete field as a sub 2:40-runner. She broke the 2:40 barrier last fall in Chicago by running a smart, controlled and balanced race; she also earned the accolade of being the first Bank of America employee, male or female, to cross the line. Chrisman has not raced much in 2017, but her showing at the San Francisco Bay to Breakers 12K in May indicates that she is in strong form.

Chrisman qualified for the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials in both 2012 and 2016. Although she dropped out of the Trials before mile 10, she continued her build up to Chicago with a pair of victories on the road in the half marathon and 10K. What makes Chrisman's running journey so compelling is that she fits her training into a full-time job as the Digital Innovation Lead at Bank of America.

Prior to graduating from Wake Forest University after a standout career, Chrisman called Carbondale, IL home. She earned eight varsity letters at Carbondale High School, finishing third in the Illinois State Cross Country Championships in 2002, second in the 3200m and fourth in the 1600m. She was valedictorian of her high school class.

Chrisman documents her training on her blog, "See Red Run" at caitchris.blogspot.com.

Personal

Chrisman was raised a vegetarian.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/21/17	San Francisco Bay to Breakers 12K	10th	43:49

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	14th	2:38:47
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials	-	DNF
12/08/13	Sacramento California International Marathon	9th	2:40:31
01/14/12	Houston U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials	66th	2:44:04
10/03/10	St. Paul Twin Cities Marathon	8th	2:41:52



Sarah Crouch

Birthdate: 08/22/89

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Flagstaff, AZ

Sponsor: 361

Twitter: @sarahcrouch89

Personal records

Marathon 2:32:44 (Chicago, 2014)

Half marathon 1:12:10 (Duluth, 2014)

Career overview

Sarah Crouch started 2016 unable to compete in the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials, where she entered with the 17th fastest qualifying time in a field of more than 250 qualifiers. While a hip injury upset her dreams of representing her country in Rio, she rallied in time to compete in the Boston Marathon. She finished 11th overall and was the second American to finish. After regaining her confidence in Boston, she came to Chicago in the fall for the third time. With her sights set on breaking 2:30, she went out on 5:44 pace and hit the half in 1:15. She lost steam over the second half, but she hung on to finish inside of the top 10 and just 64 seconds shy of her personal best in 2:33:48.

Crouch made a name for herself in the marathon at the 2014 Chicago Marathon. She lopped almost 12 minutes off of her previous PR and placed seventh in a personal best, 2:32:44. She returned in 2015 with another strong performance, finishing 12th in 2:32:51.

Crouch, a 13-time All-American at Western Washington University and a 2011 NCAA Division II National Champion in the 10,000m, started running professionally with ZAP-Reebok fresh out of college. In one of her first races as a professional runner, she finished fifth at the U.S. 10 Mile Championships. In 2011, she made her marathon debut in New York and qualified for the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials, and in 2012, she qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 10,000m. She kept her momentum going, and in 2013, she captured her highest finish at a U.S. Championship when she placed third at the Cherry Blossom 10 Mile. Her time of 54:15 was faster than the American Record.

Personal

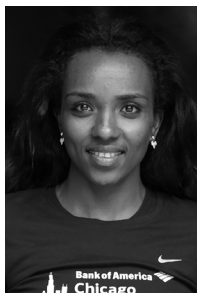
Crouch's mom became an elite masters marathoner at the age of 42, posting a 2:49 marathon time. Her grandma began running in her 50s and completed several ultra-marathons. Crouch herself knows how to ride a unicycle and play the trombone.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/14/17	Torrance Mt. SAC Relays Invitational 5000m	15th	16:04.0
03/25/17	Phoenix Puma Invitational 5000m	1st	16:44.1
01/15/17	Houston Marathon	5th	2:38:37

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
01/15/17	Houston Marathon	5th	2:38:37
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	9th	2:33:48
04/18/16	Boston Marathon	11th	2:37:36
10/11/15	Chicago Marathon	12th	2:32:51
02/08/15	Tallahassee Marathon	1st	2:46:59
10/12/14	Chicago Marathon	7th	2:32:44
11/06/11	New York City Marathon	22nd	2:44:25



Tirunesh Dibaba

Birthdate: 06/01/85

Citizenship: Ethiopia

Sponsor: Nike

5000m World Record Holder

2012 & 2008 Olympic 10,000m champion

2008 Olympic 5000m champion

2016 Olympic 10,000m bronze medalist

2012 and 2004 Olympic 5000m bronze medalist

Three-time IAAF 10,000m World Champion (2005, 2007, 2013)

Two-time IAAF 5000m World Champion (2003, 2005)

2017 IAAF 10,000m World silver medalist

Personal records

Marathon	2:17:56 (London, 2017)
Half marathon	1:06:50 (Ras Al Khaimah, 2017)
10,000m	29:42.56 (Rio de Janeiro, 2016)
5,000m	14:11.15 (Oslo, 2008)

Career overview

Dibaba – a legend on the track and over the grass – started 2017 by becoming the third fastest female marathon runner of all time when she finished second in London in 2:17:56. Her recent performances, including a 1:06:50 half marathon PR, and her stellar track record could put Paula Radcliffe's 2002 course record, 2:17:18, in jeopardy. From the grass to the oval to the road, many view Dibaba as the queen of distance running. In a recent interview, she said, "I've always been building to marathons. I want to use my 10K foot speed and make history (in Chicago)." Chicago is ready for history to be made.

Dibaba's list of career accomplishments nearly spans the marathon distance: she is a three-time Olympic gold medalist, a three-time Olympic bronze medalist, a three-time world champion in the 10,000m, a two-time world champion in the 5000m, a nine-time Golden League champion, a seven-time Diamond League champion, a five-time World Champion in cross country (including one junior championship) and the current 5000m world record holder (14:11.15). She has set four world records during her career.

Dibaba, who was 18-years-old when she won her first world title, made her marathon debut in 2014 with a third place finish in London in 2:20:35. She took 2015 off to welcome her first child; she announced her comeback in Rio with a bronze medal on the track in the 10,000m. Most recently, she won the silver medal in the 10,000m at the IAAF World Championships. At the age of 32, Dibaba – the "baby faced destroyer" – is one of the best runners in history, and her marathon career is just getting started.

Personal

Dibaba's family is like Ethiopian running royalty. Her cousin is Deratu Tulu, the 1992 and 2000 Olympic 10,000m gold medalist. Her sisters, Genzebe and Ejegayehu, are both Olympians, and Tirunesh and Genzebe are the only two siblings in recorded history to hold concurrent world records. In 2008, Tirunesh married Olympic medalist Sileshi Sihine – their wedding was nationally televised, drawing half a million people to the city's main square where Olympic races are broadcast. Off the track, Tirunesh has become a respected entrepreneur and investor in Ethiopia's economic growth.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/05/17	London IAAF World Championships 10,000m	2nd	31:02.7
05/28/17	Manchester Great 10K	1st	31:03:00
04/23/17	London Marathon	2nd	2:17:56
02/10/17	Ras Al Khaimah International Half Marathon	5th	1:06:50

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/23/17	London Marathon	2nd	2:17:56
04/13/14	London Marathon	3rd	2:20:35



Jessica Draskau Petersson

Birthdate: 09/08/77

Citizenship: Denmark

Twitter: @jessdpMarathon

Personal records

Marathon	2:30:07 (Chicago, 2015)
Half marathon	1:12:52 (København, 2014)

Career overview

Jessica Draskau Petersson, a late bloomer in the sport, returns to the Chicago Marathon after struggling last year and recording her first career DNF. In 2015, she set her PR in the windy city and finished in the top 10. She will line up on October 8 as a newly established masters runner, and while the Danish national record, 2:29:34, has been on her radar for a few years, she hasn't verbally committed herself to breaking it.

Draskau Petersson has dual Danish and British citizenship, and she represented Denmark in the marathon at the 2012 London Olympics and the 2016 Rio Olympics (finishing 39th and 40th, respectively). She started her career as an elite duathlete and triathlete; she has collected 11 Ironman finishes and competed in five Duathlon World Championships, winning three individual silver medals and a team silver and gold. In spite of a stellar record as a multi-sport specialist, she eventually found her stride in marathon competitions. She struggled with some significant setbacks early in her career: she was hit five times in three years by cars and motorbikes and one accident in 2007 required knee surgery. She lost four years of competition as a result, and didn't return to the roads until 2011. With her focus singularly on marathons, she has massively improved her times since her debut in 2003.

2017 Races

No races recorded in 2017

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	-	DNF
08/14/16	Rio de Janeiro Olympic Marathon	40th	2:36:14
10/11/15	Chicago Marathon	9th	2:30:07
08/16/14	Zürich European Championships	8th	2:30:53
08/05/12	London Olympic Marathon	39th	2:31:43
04/22/12	London Marathon	23rd	2:34:56
09/25/05	Berlin Marathon	10th	2:42:00
01/30/05	Las Vegas Marathon	5th	2:44:42
04/13/03	London Marathon	20th	2:46:10



Alia Gray

Birthdate: 12/21/85

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Flagstaff, AZ

Sponsor: Roots Running Project/361

Twitter: @aliatgray

Personal records

Marathon	2:34:00 (Chicago, 2016)
Half marathon	1:12:48 (Houston, 2016)

Career overview

"There is no such thing as a perfect training block," Alia Gray wrote on her blog after the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. "This is a credence that I firmly believe in, yet have consistently had to re-learn."

Gray entered the Chicago Marathon last year with her sights set firmly on breaking 2:30. She had a strong build up to the race that left her feeling confident and ready to go. She shot out her first 5K on 5:37 pace and hit the half in 1:14:41, well within reach of her goal. But she slowed over the second half and her final 12K pace sailed north of six minute pace. In spite of struggling in the later stages of the race, she finished 10th in a new personal best, 2:34:00.

Gray initially made news in 2016 after enduring an unconventional build-up to the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. She rolled her ankle on a training run and just eight weeks before the Trials, she learned that she actually fractured a bone. She relied on an AlterG treadmill to maintain her fitness, and she still ran a 10,000m track PR, followed by a half marathon PR in Houston. She continued training on the AlterG, and as her bone healed, she added some outdoor hard efforts. She lined up for the Trials undertrained with just one 20-mile run to callous her legs, but she felt mentally sharp, confident and prepared. On a day where so many athletes faltered due to tormenting heat, she shined. She finished 10th in 2:35:47.

Gray started running her junior year in high school after knee surgery unsettled her soccer ambitions. She went on to Chico State where she became a four-time All-American (twice in track and field and twice in cross country). She moved to Boulder, CO to pursue her professional running goals, and she has steadily been a strong performer, notching top 10 finishes at the U.S. Track and Field Championships (10th in the 10,000m 2015 & 2017); U.S. Cross Country Championships (8th, 2014); and the U.S. Half Marathon Championships (9th, 2014). The legendary Joe Vigil coaches her.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/06/17	New York TrackTown USA Summer Series 5K	5th	16:42
06/22/17	Sacramento USA Championships 10,000m	10th	33:16.5
05/05/17	Palo Alto Payton Jordan Invitational 10,000m	28th	33:28.2

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	10th	2:34:00
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials	10th	2:35:47
11/02/14	New York Marathon	15th	2:39:43
12/02/12	Sacramento California International Marathon	9th	2:44:21

**Jordan Hasay**

Birthdate: 09/21/91
 Citizenship: United States
 Residence: Portland, OR
 Coach: Alberto Salazar
 Sponsor: Nike

U.S. Marathon Debut record holder (2:23:00)
2017 U.S. 20K champion
2016 U.S. 10 Mile champion

Personal records

Marathon	2:23:00 (Boston, 2017)
Half marathon	1:07:55 (Prague, 2017)

Career overview

Hasay, a member of the Nike Oregon Project, turned heads at the 2017 Boston Marathon with a spectacular debut performance. She finished third in 2:23:00, the fastest marathon debut ever by an American woman by almost three minutes, and the fourth fastest Boston Marathon time in history by an American woman. Most recently, Hasay won the Jacksonville Gate River Run 15K and the U.S. 20K championships.

Before her impressive performance in Boston, she recorded the fourth fastest time ever by an American woman in the half marathon, 1:07:55, at the Prague Half Marathon (only Molly Huddle and Deena Kastor have run faster). While her U.S. national 10 mile championship title in 2016 forecasted her half marathon and marathon potential, Hasay, widely regarded as a strong track runner, was still relatively new to the world of road racing. She changed course after a disappointing 2016 Olympic Trials on the track where she failed to punch her ticket to Rio.

Hasay initially made her name as a high school phenom and a 1,500m runner (she competed in the 2008 Olympic Trials as a high school runner). She was a two-time Foot Locker Cross Country national champion in high school, and a 15-time All-American and two-time NCAA indoor champion in the mile and 3000m at the University of Oregon. The Bank of America Chicago Marathon marks her second go at extending her stride over the marathon distance.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/04/17	U.S. 20K Championships	1st	1:06:35
08/05/17	Cape Elizabeth Beach to Beacon 10K	7th	32:37
07/04/17	Atlanta Peachtree Road Race 10K	3rd	33:08
06/16/17	Portland Stumptown Twilight 5000m	5th	15:45.8
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	3rd	2:23:00
04/01/17	Prague Half Marathon	6th	1:07:55
03/11/17	Jacksonville Gate River Run 25K	1st	49:28
01/15/17	Houston Half Marathon	4th	1:08:40

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	3rd	2:23:00



Kristen Heckert

Birthdate: 11/07/86

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Bolingbrook, IL

Coach: Michael Lucchesi

Sponsor: New Balance

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/07/12	Chicago Marathon	18th	2:47:56
10/09/11	Chicago Marathon	38th	2:51:04

Personal records

Marathon	2:39:37 (Chicago, 2016)
Half marathon	1:15:52 (Highland Park, 2015)

Career overview

Heckert, a local runner with Full Potential Running/New Balance, will compete in her sixth Chicago Marathon. She ended her 2016 season in Chicago with a breakthrough performance that saw her dip under 2:40 and soar to a 15th place finish and a 2:39:37 PR. Heckert has improved her marathon performances every year since making her debut in Chicago in 2011 in 2:51:04.

In 2016, she finished 27th at the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. Two hundred and five women qualified for the Trials and 198 started the race. While many runners became casualties of the heat and humidity in Los Angeles, Heckert thrived. After the Trials, she posted her best 8K time, 26:35, en route to a second place finish at the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K. She has proved unbeatable on the local Chicago scene in both 2016 and 2017, taking victories at the Big Ten 10K, the 10,000m in Naperville in a PR, 33:03; the North Shore Half Marathon in 1:16:50; the Ravenswood Run 5K in a PR, 15:59; and the Elmhurst 4 on the Fourth in a near PR, 21:41. Heckert's best in the half marathon is 1:15:52.

Heckert competed at Murray State University, College of DuPage and University of Illinois at Chicago. She says overtraining and being "hard headed" contributed to her collegiate struggles. She also came to the sport later. In high school, she focused on basketball and the 300m hurdles and 400m run. She credits her coach (and husband), Michael Lucchesi, with her rise from good local athlete to national elite.

Heckert teaches math and coaches cross country at Plainfield South High School.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/22/17	Chicago BTN Big Ten	1st	35:13:00
04/02/17	Shamrock Shuffle 8K (Chicago)	6th	27:15:00

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	15th	2:39:37
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials	27th	2:43:39
10/12/14	Chicago Marathon	23rd	2:42:32
10/13/13	Chicago Marathon	15th	2:44:13



Danna Herrick

Birthdate: 10/31/86

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Rochester Hills, MI

Sponsor: Hansons-Brooks

Twitter: @dkherrick

Personal records

Marathon 2:34:53 (Boston, 2017)

Half marathon 1:12:55 (La Jolla, 2015)

Career overview

Herrick recently transitioned from being a self-coached runner to a professional athlete with the Hansons-Brooks Distance Project. She experienced a massive breakthrough this spring in Boston, chopping almost six minutes off of her personal best to run 2:34:53. The Chicago Marathon marks her third appearance in an Abbott World Marathon Major (AbbottWMM) and her first time running the Chicago Marathon.

Herrick competed in both the 2012 and 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials, and she has fared well at the Lincoln Marathon, winning in 2015 and placing second in 2013. Before joining the ranks of professional running, she enjoyed a standout career at Truman State University where she set the school record in the 3000m steeplechase (10:58.78). She was an All-American in cross country, and in 2009, she finished third in the Division II Outdoor Championships 3000m steeplechase.

Personal

Herrick, an Iowa native, wrote about her new approach to training with the Hansons-Brooks in the Des Moines Register: "My marathon training segment is a new approach, as [Boston] is the first marathon I have trained under professional coaches and with a professional team. My previous nine marathons have been self-coached and self-controlled. I haven't forgotten how to dance, but this is a whole different song. This marathon stint has differed with: a shorter segment time line, training location variety, higher mileage, more recovery mileage between workouts, different styles of workouts than my past and the impact of a team. In joining Hansons Brooks, I wanted to challenge myself with a different training approach to experience the potential of different results. Each of these areas continue to give me a new and exciting tune to groove to and I am excited to see the work in the dark pay off under the bright lights."

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/04/17	Atlanta Peachtree Road Race 10K	23rd	36:39
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	12th	2:34:53
03/19/17	New York Half Marathon	29th	1:17:36

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	12th	2:34:53
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Team Trials	81st	2:52:17
05/03/15	Lincoln Marathon	1st	2:43:24
06/21/14	Duluth Grandma's Marathon	9th	2:40:09
11/03/13	New York City Marathon	21st	2:44:19
05/05/13	Lincoln Marathon	2nd	2:44:12
10/21/12	Des Moines Marathon	5th	2:46:24
01/14/12	Houston U.S. Olympic Team Trials Marathon	82nd	2:45:42
06/18/11	Duluth Grandma's Marathon	22nd	2:43:54
10/03/10	St. Paul Twin Cities Marathon	21st	2:51:36



Valentine Kipketer

Birthdate: 01/05/93

Citizenship: Kenya

Sponsor: Nike

Personal records

Marathon	2:23:02 (Amsterdam, 2012)
Half marathon	1:08:21 (Lille, 2011)

Career overview

Kipketer returns to the city of big shoulders after finishing third last year in 2:23:41, just 39 seconds off of her personal best. She valiantly hung on to the lead pack until Kiplagat's endurance and fitness proved insurmountable.

Kipketer made her international debut as a junior competitor in 2008, and, as an 18-year-old in 2011, she took her abilities to the road and won three of the five half marathons she competed in, including wins in Lille (where she ran her current PR, 1:08:21) and Berlin. She made her marathon debut a year later in Hamburg and she followed her debut with a win and a course record at the Mumbai Marathon, 2:24:33.

Kipketer was selected to represent Kenya at the 2013 IAAF World Championships Marathon, but she struggled and failed to finish the race. Two months later, she rallied to win the Amsterdam Marathon, setting a new PR, 2:23:02. After a maternity break in 2015, last year marked a comeback year for Kipketer. She proved her fitness was in tact in Chicago, and she started 2017 on a positive note with a sixth place finish in Boston.

Personal

Kipketer is the sister of elite marathon runner, Gideon Kipketer. Both Gideon and Valentine have recorded victories at the Mumbai Marathon, and both hold the Mumbai Marathon course record. The brother-sister duo also took home third place finishes in Chicago in 2016.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	6th	2:29:35
02/26/17	Moshi Kilimanjaro Half Marathon	3rd	1:14:55

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	6th	2:29:35
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	3rd	2:23:41
04/18/16	Boston Marathon	5th	2:33:13
01/17/16	Mumbai Standard Chartered Marathon	3rd	2:34:07
10/20/13	Amsterdam Marathon	1st	2:23:02

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/10/13	Moskva IAAF World Championships	-	DNF
04/21/13	London Marathon	-	DNF
01/20/13	Mumbai Standard Chartered Marathon	1st	2:24:33
04/29/12	Hamburg Marathon	5th	2:28:02



Florence Kiplagat

Birthdate: 02/27/87

Citizenship: Kenya

Sponsor: Nike

2015 & 2016 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Champion

2010 IAAF World Half Marathon Champion

2009 IAAF World Cross Country Champion

Personal records

Marathon	2:19:44 (Berlin 2011)
Half Marathon	1:05:09 (Barcelona, 2015)
10,000m	30:11.53 (Utrecht, 2009)

Career overview

Kiplagat returns to chase her third title in a row and her fourth podium finish (she finished second in 2014 and won in 2015 and 2016). She is the fifteenth fastest woman in history over the marathon distance with a personal best of 2:19:44. For the past two years, she dazzled fans in Chicago with an aggressive front-running style that saw her put in 26.2 miles of hard work; her winning time from last fall, 2:21:32, was the thirteenth fastest women's time in Chicago Marathon history and the fifth fastest time run in 2016.

Kiplagat, the 2010 IAAF World Half Marathon champion, held the half marathon world record until earlier this year (her PR of 1:05:09 now ranks her third on the all-time list). Her accolades include wins in Berlin in 2011 and 2013, and an IAAF World Cross Country title in 2009. She faces an exceptionally strong contender this fall in Tirunesh Dibaba. She lined up against Dibaba this spring in London and she failed to keep pace with both Dibaba and eventual winner Mary Keitany. But Kiplagat has more experience on Chicago's flat and fast course, and at the marathon distance; she has finished in the top 10 of her 11 career marathons.

Personal

Kiplagat is the niece of marathon runner William Kiplagat. She lives with her two daughters in Iten.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/23/17	London Marathon	9th	2:26:25
02/12/17	Barcelona Half Marathon	1st	1:08:15

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/23/17	London Marathon	9th	2:26:25
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	1st	2:21:32
04/24/16	London Marathon	3rd	2:23:39
10/11/15	Chicago Marathon	1st	2:23:33
04/26/15	London Marathon	5th	2:24:15
10/12/14	Chicago Marathon	2nd	2:25:57
04/13/14	London Marathon	2nd	2:20:24

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/29/13	Berlin Marathon	1st	2:21:13
04/31/13	London Marathon	6th	2:27:05
04/22/12	London Marathon	4th	2:20:57
09/25/11	BMW Berlin Marathon	1st	2:19:44
04/18/11	Boston Marathon	-	DNF



Brigid Kosgei

Birthdate: 02/20/94

Citizenship: Kenya

Sponsor: Nike

Personal records

Marathon	2:24:45 (Lisbon, 2016)
Half marathon	1:07:35 (Verbania, 2017)

Career overview

Kosgei started her running career on the grass, entering the Discovery Kenya cross country competition. Her talents were recognized early on and she made her transition to the roads in 2015. She won her first marathon in a modest 2:47:59, and then stunned her competitors at the 2016 Milan City Marathon when she set a 20 minute PR and easily won the race in a "gun-to-tape performance." After the race, Kosgei told reporters that she expected to run under 2:30. Her next two marathons continued to show her promise: she won the Honolulu Marathon and was runner up in Lisbon in a personal best, 2:24:45.

Kosgei's 2017 season started with a half marathon personal best, 1:07:35, and a strong eighth place finish at the Boston Marathon (her Abbott World Marathon Majors debut). Most recently, she took first at the Bogota Half Marathon.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/30/17	Bogotá Half Marathon	1st	1:12:16
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	8th	2:31:48
03/05/17	Verbania Lago Maggiore Marathon	1st	1:07:35

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	8th	2:31:48
12/11/16	Honolulu Marathon	1st	2:31:11
10/02/16	Lisbon Marathon	2nd	2:24:45
04/03/16	Milano City Marathon	1st	2:27:45
11/08/15	Porto Marathon	1st	2:47:59



Michelle Lilienthal

Birthdate: 04/15/82

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Portland, ME

Personal records

Marathon	2:34:50 (St. Paul, 2013)
Half marathon	1:12:46 (Houston, 2007)

Career overview

Lilienthal boasts a marathon PR of 2:34:50, set in 2013 after a two-year break from the sport. She is a three-time Olympic Marathon Trials qualifier with roots in the Midwest; she first made a name for herself as a seven-time champion at Iowa City High. She went on to the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she earned Big Ten honors, and she made her marathon debut in 2005 with a third place finish in Philadelphia. She impressed the following year with a 16th place finish at the 2006 Boston Marathon – she was the second American woman across the line. In 2006 and 2013, she finished one spot off the podium in fourth place at the U.S. Marathon Championships, and she has earned two third place finishes during her career at the U.S. Half Marathon championships.

Chicago marks a long-awaited return to the marathon for Lilienthal. She has not raced 42K since 2014.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/05/17	Cape Elizabeth Beach to Beacon 10K	13th	35:12

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
11/02/14	New York Marathon	21st	2:49:28
10/05/14	Portland Maine Marathon	2nd	2:58:46
10/06/13	St. Paul Twin Cities Marathon	4th	2:34:50
04/20/08	Boston U.S. Olympic Team Trials	85th	2:48:46
10/01/06	St. Paul Twin Cities Marathon	4th	2:35:51
04/17/06	Boston Marathon	16th	2:40:23
11/20/05	Philadelphia Marathon	3rd	2:49:22
11/02/14	New York Marathon	21st	2:49:28



Maegan Krifchin

Birthdate: 04/08/88
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Atlanta, GA
Sponsor: Mizuno
Twitter: @mkrifchin

Personal records

Marathon	2:33:30 (Hamburg, 2015)
Half marathon	1:09:51 (Philadelphia, 2015)

Career overview

Krifchin is an exciting runner who went into her marathon debut in 2015 completely under the radar and ran away with a 2:33:30 PR – the ninth fastest time posted by an American woman that year. She followed her debut with another big performance at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. In spite of high heat and humidity beating most of the field, Krifchin finished seventh, running a disciplined race with nearly identical half splits – she covered the first half in 1:16:38 and the second in 1:16:52 to come home in 2:33:34 (the 13th fastest American time in 2016). Heading into the Trials, she won the 2015 Philadelphia Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon in 1:09:51.

Krifchin hit the national scene as a high school runner focused on mid-distance. She finished fourth at the 2006 New Balance Games in the mile, and she took her talents to Syracuse where she broke the school record in the 1500m (4:22.65) and posted a 4:48.10 mile PR. After graduating in 2010, she pushed her legs to the half marathon distance, debuting in 1:11:05. By 2012, she represented the U.S. internationally at the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships. She had an impressive race, finishing 13th overall with a time of 1:12:29. Krifchin also has a pair of third place finishes at the 2012 U.S. 15K Championships and the 2012 U.S. 10K Championships.

In February, the Atlanta Track Club announced the addition of seven athletes to its Olympic Development Team, coached by 2008 Olympian Amy Begley and Andrew Begley. Krifchin is among the athletes attempting to use this opportunity as a springboard to qualifying for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/04/17	Atlanta Peachtree Road Race 10K	21st	36:15:00
06/10/17	New York Mini 10K	21st	35:55:00
06/04/17	Albany Freihofer's Run for Women	15th	17:23
04/01/17	Prague Half Marathon	13th	1:14:30

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials	7th	2:33:34
04/26/15	Hamburg Marathon	7th	2:33:30



Dot McMahan

Birthdate: 11/06/76
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Oakland Township, MI
Coach: Keith and Kevin Brooks
Sponsor: Hansons-Brooks

2013 U.S. 25K Champion

Personal records

Marathon	2:31:48 (Duluth, 2011)
Half marathon	1:11:48 (Duluth, 2014)

Career overview

McMahan made her marathon debut in Chicago in 2006 and she returns this year as a newly minted masters runner with refreshed goals. After picking up her first masters win in New York on her birthday last fall, she took home another trophy in Boston this spring. With her sights set on a third win in Chicago, McMahan hopes to become the first masters runner to win all six AbbottWMM events. The last time she lined up in Chicago in 2012, she finished seventh in 2:32:11.

McMahan has been a steady performer for the U.S. over the last decade. She finished eighth in the 2008 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials and ninth in the 2012 trials. She struggled in the heat of Los Angeles at the 2016 Olympic Trials and faltered to 34th place. Seeking redemption after the trials, she entered the New York City Marathon. She thought it would be a fitting exclamation point and exit to her running career. But McMahan surprised herself with a 12th place finish and the masters win, giving birth to a new wave of excitement. After New York, she explained, "I was kind of surprised by what I was able to do at New York and by how much it refueled my passion for marathoning. As a master, I have new goals to chase . . ."

Internationally, McMahan represented the U.S. at the 2005 and 2008 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships, and at the 2013 IAAF World Marathon Championships where she finished an impressive 18th.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/26/16	Flint Crim Festival of Races 10 Mile	11th	58:15
03/19/17	New York Half Marathon	22nd	1:15:40
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	14th	2:36:28

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	14th	2:36:28
11/6/16	New York Marathon	12th	2:38:46
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Team Trials	34th	2:44:26
06/20/15	Duluth Grandmas Marathon	5th	2:34:52
08/10/13	Moskva IAAF World Championships	18th	2:39:52
10/07/12	Chicago Marathon	7th	2:32:11

Date	Race	Place	Time
01/14/12	Houston U.S. Olympic Team Trials Marathon	9th	2:32:16
06/18/11	Duluth Grandma's Marathon	3rd	2:31:48
10/10/10	Chicago Marathon	15th	2:36:01
04/20/08	Boston U.S. Olympic Team Trials	8th	2:35:02
04/16/07	Boston US Women's Marathon	10th	2:43:56
10/22/06	Chicago Marathon	23rd	2:43:27



Karolina Nadolska

Birthdate: 09/06/81

Citizenship: Poland

2009 & 2013 Poland national 5000m champion

Personal records

Marathon	2:26:31 (Osaka, 2014)
Half marathon	1:09:54 (Poznan, 2017)

Career overview

Nadolska set her personal best, 2:26:31, at the 2014 Osaka Marathon, and she consistently runs in the 2:26-2:30 range. She finished 14th at the 2013 IAAF World Championships 10,000m, 20th at the 2012 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships and 17th at the 2010 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships. She represented Poland at the 2012 London Olympic Games in the marathon, coming home in 35th place, and she is a two-time national champion in the 5000m.

Nadolska made her marathon debut in 2007 and rapidly improved from a 2:49 to a 2:33 in less than a year. She is a two-time winner of the Lodz Marathon (2013 and 2014), and she has earned top finishes in Osaka (second) and Frankfurt (third).

Although she hasn't raced a marathon since 2014, Nadolska has been racing prolifically. She has spent her 2017 season racing regularly on the roads in distances ranging from the 10K to the half marathon. Some highlights include a third place finish at the Lilac Bloomsday 15K, fifth at the Cherry Blossom 10 mile and first at the Poznan Half Marathon in Poland. The Chicago Marathon is her first AbbottWMM.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/17/17	Langueux 10 km	4th	32:43
06/10/17	Oelder Sparkassen Citylauf	3rd	33:06
05/21/17	Bangalore TCS World 10K	9th	33:56
05/07/17	Spokane Lilac Bloomsday Run	3rd	40:29
04/23/17	Vancouver Sun Run	1st	32:39
04/15/17	New Orleans Crescent City Classic	3rd	32:29
04/02/17	Washington Cherry Blossom 10M	5th	54:48
03/26/17	Poznań Half Marathon	1st	1:09:54
01/22/17	Santa Pola Half Marathon	4th	1:13:51

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/13/14	Łódź Marathon	1st	2:28:12
01/26/14	Osaka International Ladies Marathon	2nd	2:26:31
04/13/13	Łódź Marathon	1st	2:26:45

Date	Race	Place	Time
01/27/13	Osaka International Ladies Marathon	5th	2:30:29
08/05/12	London Olympic Games	35th	2:30:57
02/20/11	Yokohama Women's Marathon	5th	2:27:16
07/31/10	Barcelona European Championships	-	DNF
10/25/09	Frankfurt Marathon	3rd	2:29:10
05/10/09	Praha Marathon	7th	2:35:28
11/16/08	San Antonio Rock 'n' Roll Marathon	3rd	2:33:19
04/20/08	Zürich Marathon	2nd	2:33:16
10/21/07	Porto Marathon	2nd	2:54:55
09/23/07	Warsaw Marathon	3rd	2:49:57



Madaí Pérez

Birthdate: 02/02/80

Citizenship: Mexico

Sponsor: Nike

2003 & 2010 Mexico National 10,000m Champion
2011 Pan American Games Marathon silver medalist

Personal records

Marathon	2:22:59 (Chicago, 2006)
Half marathon	1:09:45 (New York, 2010)

Career overview

Pérez made her marathon debut in Chicago 14 years ago (2003), and she returned in 2006 to set her still-standing personal best, 2:22:59. Her performance in 2006 catapulted her into the national spotlight as she became the fastest female marathon runner ever from Mexico; she still holds the national record, and she has run Mexico's all-time 6th, 7th, 8th and 12th fastest times.

She is a two-time Olympian in the marathon (2008 and 2016) and a two-time national champion in the 10,000m (2003, 2010). She finished seventh at the 2013 IAAF World Marathon Championships (she also competed in 2005 and 2007) and sixth at the 2005 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships. She finally climbed toward the top in 2011 when she picked up a silver medal in the marathon at the Pan American Games. One of Pérez's most memorable races occurred at the 2007 Boston Marathon where she proved hard to shake and she hung with the leaders until the closing miles. She placed third, and that remains her best finish in an AbbottWMM.

Pérez did not race in 2014 and 2015, but her times in 2016 and 2017 point to an athlete who is ready to be back on the global stage.

Personal

Pérez is married to Odilon Cuahutle, a professional runner (2:15:34 marathon personal best) and coach.

2017 Races

Date	Competition	Place	Time
02/19/17	Guadalajara Half Marathon	6th	1:16:58
01/15/17	Houston Half Marathon	15th	1:15:16

Career marathons

Date	Race	Time	Place
08/14/16	Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games	32nd	2:34:42
04/17/16	Hamburg Marathon	5th	2:29:27
08/10/13	Moskva IAAF World Championships	7th	2:34:23
04/15/13	Boston Marathon	7th	2:28:59
10/23/11	Guadalajara Pan American Games	2nd	2:38:03
04/17/11	London Marathon	14th	2:27:02

Date	Race	Time	Place
11/07/10	New York City Marathon	8th	2:29:53
04/19/10	Boston Marathon	13th	2:36:04
08/17/08	Beijing Olympic Games	19th	2:31:47
09/02/07	Osaka IAAF World Championships	15th	2:35:17
04/15/07	Boston Marathon	3rd	2:30:16
10/22/06	Chicago Marathon	4th	2:22:59
08/14/05	Helsinki IAAF World Championships	11th	2:26:50
11/07/04	New York City Marathon	9th	2:29:57
04/04/04	Rotterdam Marathon	2nd	2:27:08
10/12/03	Chicago Marathon	12th	2:31:34



Kimi Reed

Birthdate: 02/03/88

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Springfield, MO

Twitter: @KimiLynn88

Personal records

Marathon 2:38:37 (Duluth, 2015)

Half marathon 1:15:43 (Duluth, 2016)

Career overview

Reed was an impressive high school athlete, qualifying for state all four years, and she became one of the most highly decorated runners at Missouri Southern. She still holds school records in four events: the indoor 5000m, the outdoor 5000m, the outdoor 10,000m and the distance medley relay. She was a multiple time All-MIAA and All-American, and she was the 2008 South Central Region Cross Country Athlete of the Year.

Reed initially focused on the half marathon distance, making her half debut in 2011 in 1:20:40. She has progressively improved each year, dropping her half marathon PR by five minutes and qualifying for the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials with a 2:38:37 PR at the 2015 Grandma's Marathon. Reed went into the trials with a goal of running 2:37, but she became the victim of high heat and humidity and edited her goal to just finishing in the top half of the race. The Chicago Marathon marks her debut in the AbbottWMM.

Personal

Reed documents her training and racing on her blog: runner4life-seekimirun.blogspot.com

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/17/17	Duluth Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon	10th	1:16:35
04/29/17	Columbus US Half Marathon Ch.	15th	1:16:42
04/08/17	Kansas City Parkway Half Marathon	1st	1:18:12

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Team Trials	86th	2:52:52
06/20/15	Duluth Grandmas Marathon	8th	2:38:37
06/21/14	Duluth Grandma's Marathon	15th	2:41:54
10/16/13	St. Paul Twin Cities Marathon	16th	2:44:22



Joanna Reyes
Birthdate: 06/27/92
Citizenship: United States
Residence: San Jose, CA

Personal records

Marathon 2:37:55 (Los Angeles, 2017)

Career Overview

Reyes is a young athlete with an inspiring story that shows that hard work, passion and running fearlessly lead to significant improvements. She ran her first half marathon at age 16 and her energy at the end foreshadowed a future as a marathon star. She finished her first marathon at age 22, clocking a 3:08 debut and qualifying for Boston. Since her debut in 2014, she has improved every time she lines up, but her big breakthrough happened this winter in Los Angeles. In preparation for the race, she dramatically increased her mileage and had zero injury setbacks (she fits her training into a busy schedule as a Pharmacy student). She went into L.A. thinking she could break 2:45, and she ran across the finish line even faster: 2:37:55.

Reyes explained, "At the LA Marathon, I was just hoping to finish under 2:45. What I believe contributed to a good race in LA was running as a professional athlete; competing against runners from Kenya and runners who ran in the Olympics; being on the local news station during the race; meeting with Ryan Hall, Kara Goucher, and Deena Kastor the day before the race; good race weather; nearly flat course (compared to the San Francisco Marathon); training and tapering well; staying healthy and injury free the day of the race; not having to stress about school because I completed final exams two weeks before the race; and having the support of my family and friends throughout training."

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/19/17	Los Angeles Marathon	4th	2:37:55

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/19/17	Los Angeles Marathon	4th	2:37:55
07/31/16	San Francisco Marathon	2nd	2:51:03
07/26/15	San Francisco Marathon	3rd	3:00:49
08/24/14	Santa Rosa Marathon	3rd	3:08:30



Rocio Cantara Rojas
Birthdate: 01/04/87
Citizenship: Peru

2013 National Peru National Champion 10,000m

Personal records

Marathon 2:37:05 (New York, 2015)
Half marathon 1:14:17 (Miami, 2016)

Career Overview

Rojas has run four career marathons with a personal best of 2:37:05, set in New York in 2015 for an 11th place finish. She has competed in two IAAF World Half Marathon Championships, and she won the 2013 Peru National Championships in the 10,000m. In 2009 and 2013, she finished fourth and seventh, respectively, in the South American 10,000m championships. Rojas finally made her marathon debut at the New York City Marathon in 2014. She finished in the top 20 and returned in 2015 to subtract eight minutes from her PR.

She started her 2017 crusade with an eighth place finish at the Houston Marathon, a pair of podium finishes at the South American Half Marathon Championships (third) and the Guadalajara Half Marathon (third), and a win at the Santiago de Chile Half Marathon. Rojas will be competing in her second AbbottWMM.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/13/17	Torrance Mt. SAC Relays Invitational	-	DNF
04/02/17	Santiago de Chile Half Marathon	1st	1:17:17
03/18/17	Montevideo South American Half Marathon Ch.	3rd	1:15:56
02/19/17	Guadalajara Half Marathon	3rd	1:14:59
01/15/17	Houston Marathon	8th	2:49:51

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
01/15/17	Houston Marathon	8th	2:49:51
04/10/16	Rotterdam Marathon	19th	2:40:57
11/01/15	New York Marathon	11th	2:37:05
11/02/14	New York Marathon	18th	2:45:30



Joan Benoit Samuelson

Birthdate: 05/16/57
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Freeport, ME
Sponsor: Nike
Twitter: @JBSamuelson

1984 Olympic Marathon Champion

1985 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Champion

Personal records

Marathon 2:21:21 (Chicago, 1985)
Half marathon 1:08:23 (Boston, 1983)

Career Overview

"As every runner knows, running is about more than just putting one foot in front of the other; it is about our lifestyle and who we are."

As a relatively unknown college student at Bowdoin, Joan Benoit Samuelson burst onto the scene in 1979 with an American Record win at the Boston Marathon, chopping eight minutes off the previous course record. In 1983, Samuelson returned to Boston and not only won again (2:22:43), but set her first of four career world records; her 2:22:43 remained Boston's course record for 11 years. In March of 1984, Samuelson injured her knee during a 20-mile training run and underwent arthroscopic knee surgery just 17 days before the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. In spite of her injury, she won the trials. Three months later, she became the first woman ever to win a gold medal in the Olympic Marathon, turning in a time of 2:24:52 – ahead of running legends Grete Waitz, Rosa Mota and Ingrid Kristiansen.

Carrying her Olympic momentum into 1985, she set another American Record en route to her Chicago Marathon victory. Her time, 2:21:21, is the fastest time an American woman has ever clocked in Chicago, and it stood as the American Record for 18 years (Deena Kastor broke it in London in 2003). Samuelson remains the third fastest American marathon runner of all-time, and her time in Chicago ranks as the fourth fastest time ever run by an American woman (only Deena Kastor and Shalane Flanagan have run faster). Outside of the marathon distance, Samuelson enjoyed success as a six-time champion of the historic Falmouth Road Race (7.1 miles).

Samuelson has qualified for seven U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials, and she made news at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials when she ran sub 2:50 at age 50 – she set a new American 50+ record, running 2:49:09. In 2010, she recorded the fastest-ever performance by a woman over 52 in Chicago: 2:47:50.

Samuelson enters this year's Chicago Marathon with an ambitious goal: becoming the first woman ever to break three hours at age 60 (the current record is 3:01:30). She explained, "Storytelling is important to me and it's how I motivate myself. My race decisions often reflect my narrative. Once I turned 60 I knew that the Oct. 8 Chicago race would represent the next chapter in my career."

In her build up to Chicago, Samuelson set an American age group record at the Beach to Beacon 10K in August. She clocked 39:19 to win her division.

Personal

Samuelson and her husband, Scott, have two children, Abby and Anders. In 2012, Samuelson completed the Boston Marathon with her daughter, Abby. She remains committed to the sport through health and fitness clinics and motivational speaking. She has written two books, *Running Tide* (Knopf, 1987) and *Joan Samuelson's Running for Women* (Rodale Press, 1995), and she founded the popular Beach to Beacon 10K road race in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/05/17	Beach to Beacon 10K	*278th	39:19

*Samuelson finished first in the 60-64 age division, and she set a new American age group record for 60-64

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/20/15	Boston Marathon	67th	2:54:03
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	58th	2:52:10
11/03/13	New York City Marathon	41st	2:57:13
04/15/13	Boston Marathon	47th	2:50:29
04/01/12	Washington Cherry Blossom	28th	1:02:30
04/18/11	Boston Marathon	44th	2:51:29
10/31/10	Athens Classic Marathon	22nd	3:03:37
10/10/10	Chicago Marathon	42nd	2:47:50
11/01/09	New York City Marathon	17th	2:49:09
04/20/08	Boston U.S. Olympic Team Trials	90th	2:49:08
10/02/05	St. Paul Twin Cities Marathon	11th	2:46:27
12/14/03	Honolulu Marathon	8th	2:53:54
10/13/02	Chicago Marathon	16th	2:42:28
11/04/01	New York Marathon	21st	2:42:56
02/26/00	Columbia Marathon	9th	2:39:59
11/01/98	New York Marathon	12th	2:41:06
02/10/96	Columbia US Women's Olympic Trials	13th	2:36:54
04/19/93	Boston Marathon	6th	2:35:43
10/11/92	Columbus Marathon	1st	2:32:20
11/03/91	New York Marathon	6th	2:33:57
04/15/91	Boston Marathon	4th	2:26:54
11/06/88	New York Marathon	3rd	2:32:40
10/20/85	Chicago Marathon	1st	2:21:21
08/05/84	Los Angeles Olympic Games	1st	2:24:52
05/12/84	Olympia US Olympic Trials	1st	2:31:04
04/18/83	Boston Marathon	1st	2:22:43
08/12/82	Eugene Marathon	1st	2:26:11
10/11/81	Columbus Marathon	2nd	2:39:07
08/23/81	Ottawa Avon Marathon	2nd	2:37:25
04/20/81	Boston Marathon	3rd	2:30:17
04/16/79	Boston Marathon	1st	2:35:15



Becky Wade

Birthdate: 02/09/89

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Boulder, CO

Sponsor: Saucony

Twitter: @bexwade89

Personal records

Marathon	2:30:41 (Sacramento, 2013)
Half marathon	1:12:18 (Houston, 2015)

Career Overview

Becky Wade was once called "America's best young distance runner," and for good reason. In her 2013 debut at the California International Marathon, she took first place in 2:30:41. This feat made her the third fastest American woman marathoner in history under the age of 25. She finished 2013 as the fifth fastest American, and she was the only one in the top five under the age of 30. In spite of her early success, Wade struggled in her next two marathons, including a disappointing showing at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. But she opened her 2017 season with a bold comeback in Houston. On a hot and humid day, she landed in the top three in 2:35:57. She maintained her momentum to finish fourth at the U.S. 20K Championships in September.

Wade was a four-time All-American at Rice University. Her versatility as a runner made her successful in both the steeplechase and the 10,000m. In 2012, she qualified for the Olympic Trials in both events, and made it to the finals in the steeplechase. In 2016, she jumped up to the marathon trials, but still qualified for the steeplechase.

Personal

Wade spent a year traveling the world on a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship program to study running in different cultures. In one interview, she said the most interesting place she visited was Ethiopia: "The most unique running place I visited during my fellowship year was in Ethiopia, where the culture of running was unlike anything I'd ever encountered. In Ethiopian style, we trained in single-file lines through dense forests and eucalyptus patches, over undulating terrain, and without watches or specific plans. The two months I spent there really refreshed my appreciation for the purity and simplicity of running, and helped me learn to be more attentive to my body." Wade documented her travels – which included nine countries, 72 host families and more than 3500 miles running – in her book, *Run the World*.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/04/17	U.S. 20K Championships	4th	1:08:05
07/04/17	Atlanta Peachtree Road Race 10K	6th	33:44
06/04/17	Albany Freihofer's Run For Women 5K	4th	16:16
05/07/17	Spokane Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K	10th	41:54
04/15/17	New Orleans Crescent City Classic 10K	7th	34:49
04/02/17	Charleston Cooper River Bridge Run 10K	9th	34:18

Date	Race	Place	Time
01/15/17	Houston Marathon	3rd	2:35:57

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
01/15/17	Houston Marathon	3rd	2:35:57
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Team Trials	85th	2:52:42
03/15/14	Los Angeles Marathon	8th	2:37:30
12/08/13	Sacramento California International Marathon	1st	2:30:41



Taylor Ward

Birthdate: 09/23/90
 Citizenship: United States
 Residence: Ogden, UT
 Sponsor: Saucony
 Twitter: @speedytay23

Personal records

Marathon 2:36:25 (Philadelphia, 2016)
 Half marathon 1:14:10 (Tampa, 2017)

Career Overview

Ward was a gifted performer at Weber State University where she collected a Big Sky title in the 10,000m, 12 Academic All-Conference honors and some of the fastest times in the 5000m and 10,000m in school history. She graduated in 2014 and made a quick move to road racing. By 2015, she qualified for the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials with a 2:38:32 tenth place finish in Houston. She did not have the race of her dreams at the trials, but she recovered well with a win at the 2016 Philadelphia Marathon and a new personal best, 2:36:25.

Ward also won the 2016 La Sportiva Mountain Cup Trail race, and she was second at the 2016 Collegiate Mountain Running Championships. She welcomed 2017 with a third place finish and a PR at the Tampa Half Marathon, 1:14:10.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/09/17	Utica Boilermaker	31st	55:53:00
05/07/17	Pittsburgh Half Marathon	7th	1:15:56
04/02/17	Charleston Cooper River Bridge Run	11th	35:01:00
02/26/17	Tampa Half Marathon	3rd	1:14:10

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
11/20/16	Philadelphia Marathon	1st	2:36:25
02/13/16	Los Angeles U.S. Olympic Marathon Team Trials	107th	2:57:04
10/11/15	Chicago Marathon	23rd	2:45:01
01/18/15	Houston Marathon	10th	2:38:32



Lisa Weightman

Birthdate: 01/16/79
 Citizenship: Australia
 Sponsor: Adidas
 Twitter: @LisaWeightman

2012 Commonwealth Games Marathon bronze medalist

Personal records

Marathon 2:25:15 (London, 2017)
 Half marathon 1:09:00 (Gold Coast, AUS 2010)

Career Overview

Weightman comes to Chicago on the heels of her best career performance to date, a 2:25:15 fifth place finish in London. Her time in London makes her the third fastest Australian woman in history. She is a three-time Olympian in the marathon (2008, 2012, 2016); her best Olympic showing came in London when she finished 16th in 2:27:31. She has competed in several World Championships: the marathon (2009), half marathon (2007), 20K (2006) and cross country (2007, 2008, 2009). She won the bronze medal in the marathon at the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

Weightman made her marathon debut in 2008 in 2:32:22, tying the fastest marathon debut record by an Australian woman, and she has banked a dozen career marathons since. She won the 2010 Nagano Marathon and the 2013 Melbourne Marathon, and she finished second in Houston in 2016. She should be in the running for a top five finish on October 8.

Personal

Weightman works full time as a business consultant for IBM.

2017 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/23/17	London Marathon	5th	2:25:15

Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/23/17	London Marathon	5th	2:25:15
08/14/16	Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games	31st	2:34:41
01/17/16	Houston Marathon	2nd	2:27:35
10/13/13	Melbourne Marathon	1st	2:26:05
01/27/13	Osaka International Ladies Marathon	4th	2:29:09
08/05/12	London Olympic Games	16th	2:27:32
10/30/11	Frankfurt Marathon	12th	2:29:23
10/14/10	New Delhi Commonwealth Games	3rd	2:35:25
04/18/10	Nagano Commemorative Marathon	1st	2:28:48
08/23/09	Berlin IAAF World Championships	17th	2:30:42
08/17/08	Beijing Olympic Games	33rd	2:34:16
04/13/08	London Marathon	13th	2:32:22

Men's wheelchair biographies



Adam Bleakney

Birthdate: 08/27/75

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Savoy, IL

Twitter: @ChiefFastcow

Personal record

Marathon: 1:26:03 (Boston, 2011)

Career overview

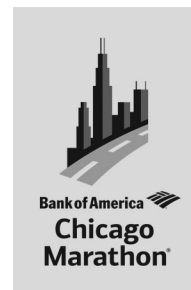
Adam Bleakney is the 2002 Chicago Marathon champion and a three-time runner up, including in 2012 when he finished second to the fastest man in the world, Canada's Josh Cassidy. In 2011, Bleakney broke the American record for the all-conditions wheelchair marathon when he finished sixth in Boston in 1:26:03. Bleakney raced his first Chicago Marathon in 1999 and tied for second in a sprint finish down Columbus Drive. He has competed in the last 13 of 17 Chicago Marathons, including finishing in his fastest time ever on the streets of the windy city in 2015.

Bleakney is the head coach of the world-class University of Illinois Wheelchair Racing Team, which includes seven-time Chicago Marathon champion Tatyana McFadden and three-time champion Amanda McGrory.

Bleakney won a silver medal in the 800m at the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens. He finished 24th in the 2012 Paralympic Marathon in London. He finished his 2016 season with a 21st place in New York and he opened his 2017 season with a 21st place finish in Boston.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	16th	1:38:53
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	12th	1:31:05
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	23rd	2:03:57
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	17th	1:43:56
2012	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:34:23
2011	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	5th	1:29:58
2010	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	7th	1:36:06
2009	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	9th	1:54:24
2008	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	6th	1:38:58
2005	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:39:19
2004	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:40:01
2002	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:40:14
1999	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:43:42



Rafael Botello Jimenez

Birthdate: 02/23/79

Citizenship: Spain

Personal record

Marathon: 1:22:18 (Padua, 2007)

Career overview

Rafael Botello Jimenez – "Rafa" – started competing in wheelchair racing in 2003 (one year after he endured a dorsal spinal cord injury as a result of a bicycle accident). Botello Jimenez has recorded four top-ten finishes in Chicago (2009 – 4th; 2010 – 3rd; 2012 – 3rd; 2013 – 6th). He struggled in 2014, finishing an uncharacteristic 19th and well out of the hunt for first. But he returned in 2015 and 2016 to erase that disappointment, finishing 11th both years. Botello Jimenez has competed in 36 AbbottWMM events since 2005, and while he has finished inside of the top three, he has never won a major.

Botello Jimenez finished in the top 10 of the 2012 London Paralympic marathon, he is a two-time winner of the Valencia Marathon (2007, 2010) and he set his current PR in Padua (2007) – a time that makes him the third fastest European on a legal course. He holds Spanish records for the mile and 10,000m on the track and the 5K, 10K and marathon on the road. He also competes for Spain in the para-triathlon and para-cycling. This spring, he finished 5th in London at the World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	11th	1:37:21
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	11th	1:30:59
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	19th	1:49:57
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	6th	1:33:40
2010	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:28:46
2009	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:39:56



Christian Clemmons

Birthdate: 02/28/95

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Beach Park, IL

Personal record

Marathon: 1:39:02 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

Christian Clemmons is an Illinois native and a relative newcomer to long distance racing. He started his athletic career as a basketball player and was encouraged by the Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association (GLASA) in Lake Forest, IL to give track racing a try. He rounded the oval for the first time in 2014 and started racing distances from 100m to 1500m. He made his marathon debut in Chicago in 2015, finishing 37th in 2:15:16. He is currently training under Adam Bleakney at the University of Illinois, and he will be back in Chicago for his third consecutive year. He started 2017 with a positive showing in Boston, finishing 23rd in a new personal best, 1:39:02.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	26th	2:03:29
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	37th	2:15:16



Alexandre Dupont

Birthdate: 09/03/85

Citizenship: Canada

Personal record

Marathon: 1:33:14 (Chicago, 2014)

Career overview

Dupont returns to Chicago for the fourth time. He has raced well in the windy city, placing in the top 12 three times, and being close to the podium twice. He competed in the 2017 World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup in London, but he dropped out of the race before the half marathon mark. Dupont is primarily known as a track racer – he won three gold medals at the 2015 Parapan American Games (400m, 800m, 1500m), and he picked up a bronze at the 2016 Rio Paralympics in the 4x400m relay. He competed in four track events at the 2012 London Paralympics, and he has been eying a full transition to the marathon for a while with the goal of being among the best. Outside of road racing, he owns Revolution Sports, a company that manufactures sports equipment for people with disabilities.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	10th	1:33:40
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	12th	1:33:14
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	9th	1:37:07

**Kurt Fearnley**

Birthdate: 03/23/81

Citizenship: Australia

Residence: Hamilton, New South Wales, AUS

Twitter: @kurtfearnley

Personal record

Marathon: 1:18:51 (Boston, 2011)

Career overview

Kurt Fearnley is Chicago's most decorated male wheelchair athlete with five titles, including three in a row from 2007 to 2009 and then two more in 2011 and 2015. A veteran of more than 50 marathons (with over 30 wins), he has captured nine medals at the Paralympic Games, including a pair of gold medals in the 2004 and 2008 Paralympic Marathon. He took another gold at the 2011 IPC World Championships Marathon, and he won four consecutive New York City Marathons from 2006 to 2009; he finished third in 2013 and was on top of the podium again in 2014 after a sprint finish through Central Park. His 1:29:22 course record in New York still stands.

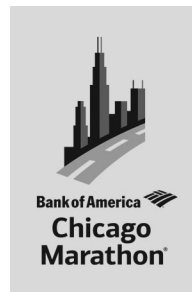
At the 2014, 2015 and 2016 Chicago Marathons, Fearnley was part of historic sprint finishes. In 2014, the top 11 professional wheelchair athletes finished within 11 seconds; in 2015, the top 11 men finished within 13 seconds; and in 2016, the top nine men were within 16 seconds of each other. Hug edged out Fearnley at the finish by one second last fall, and then repeated the feat at the New York City Marathon. Fearnley opened his 2017 season by finishing third at the World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup (behind Weir and Hug). One week earlier, he finished fourth in Boston.

At the 2007 Chicago Marathon, the warmest day in event history, he broke the course record (Heinz Frei broke it again in 2010).

Fearnley is a passionate disability advocate and devotes himself to a number of charitable initiatives.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:32:58
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:30:45
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:32:13
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:30:38
2011	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:29:18
2009	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:29:09
2008	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:30:16
2007	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:28:06

**Thomas Frühwirth**

Birthdate: 08/12/81

Citizenship: Austria

Personal record

Marathon: 1:29:39 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

Frühwirth is an exciting and versatile athlete best known for his feats in cycling and the triathlon. He made his marathon debut in Boston by finishing 19th in 1:29:39. He is a two-time Ironman finisher, and he holds the world record in both the Ironman and the 70.3 Ironman. He is the 2015 Ironman world champion, a 2014 and 2015 Paracycling World Championships bronze medalist and he won the silver medal in handcycling at the 2016 Rio Paralympics. He made headlines in 2012 when he finished the Race Across America with a teammate. Frühwirth is new to the AbbottWMM series, but he aims to finish all six events by 2020.

Frühwirth will be making his Chicago Marathon debut on October 8.



Joshua George

Birthdate: 03/18/85

Citizenship: United States

Residence: McLean, VA

Twitter: @jsgeorge

Personal record

Marathon: 1:21:47 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

Josh George competed in his first Chicago Marathon in 2002 as an 18-year-old, finishing fourth among a talented field that included U of I coach Adam Bleakney. He has finished in the top five of the race 11 times, and he is a four-time Chicago Marathon champion, including back-to-back victories in 2003 and 2004, another in 2006 and a nail-biting victory in 2014 where he was chased to the line by 10 men in a near photo finish. George missed defending his 2014 title by two seconds, and he followed Hug and Fearnley to the line in 2016, losing the first spot by just two seconds.

George has performed exceptionally well on the world stage. He is a six-time World Champion, including a win at the 2015 IPC World Championships Marathon, and a four-time Paralympian with one gold medal (100m), one silver (800m) and three bronze (100m, 400m, 800m). Prior to the age of 25, he set world records in the 100m, 400m and 800m events.

He ended 2016 with a podium finish in New York (third place), and he started 2017 with a fifth place finish in Tokyo, a sixth place finish and a PR in Boston and an eighth place finish in London at the World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:32:59
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:30:48
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:32:12
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:30:38
2012	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:36:06
2011	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:29:23
2006	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:38:31
2005	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	5th	1:40:30
2004	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:36:13
2003	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:42:01
2002	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:56:49



Jun Hiromichi

Birthdate: 12/21/73

Citizenship: Japan

Personal record

Marathon: 1:23:23 (Beijing, 2008)

Career overview

Hiromichi started racing in a wheelchair in 1991 and he made his international debut in 1994 (he injured his spine in a 1989 motorcycle accident). He competed in the 2000, 2004 and 2008 Summer Paralympics, and he owns two silver medals in the 800m from 2000 and 2004. For a track racer, he fared extremely well in the 2008 Paralympic Marathon, coming home seventh in his personal best, 1:23:23. Hiromichi started his 2017 season with a decent showing in Tokyo, finishing 11th overall.

Between 2004 and 2010, he was presented with the Medal of the Oita Prefecture, the Hinodecho Sports Achievement Award, the Osaka Sports Achievement Award, the Osaka Prefectural Honor, the Honorary Citizens of Sakai Award and the Prime Minister's Award. He has served as a council committee member of the Japan Para Athletics Federation, and he has worked as the director of the Paralympians Association of Japan and as executive director of Sports of Heart.

Hiromichi will be making his Chicago Marathon debut on October 8.



Kota Hokinoue
Birthdate: 03/30/74
Citizenship: Japan

Personal record

Marathon: 1:21:14 (Boston, 2014)

Career overview

Kota Hokinoue began racing in 2002 (he sustained a spinal cord injury in a motorcycle accident in 2000), but he did not compete in his first Chicago Marathon until 2014; he finished fifth, and he was just four seconds away from wearing the crown. He came back in 2015 to pursue a podium finish, but he crossed the line in 8th in 1:30:57 – just 11 seconds away from a victory. The same scenario repeated itself in 2016 when Hokinoue was part of yet another remarkable sprint finish down the homestretch. He finished ninth, but he was just 16 seconds away from the title.

Hokinoue has been a regular competitor on the AbbottWMM circuit, finishing first in Berlin in 2014 and first in Tokyo in 2015. He has raced all three majors so far in 2017: Tokyo (sixth), Boston (10th) and London at the World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup (sixth, and just three seconds away from first).

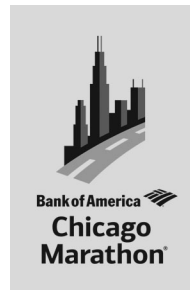
He holds a bronze medal from the 2013 IPC World Championships, and he competed in both the 2008 and 2016 Paralympic Games.

Hokinoue broke the Japanese record in 2011 when he clocked 1:22:01, finishing second in Oensingen, and he lowered it again in Boston in 2014 when he was second in 1:21:14, ranking second in the world behind past Chicago Marathon champion Ernst Van Dyk.

As a track racer, Hokinoue has set Japanese records in the 5000m and 10,000m.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	9th	1:33:13
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:30:57
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	5th	1:32:16



Marcel Hug
Birthdate: 01/16/86
Citizenship: Switzerland
Twitter: @MarcelEricHug

Personal record

Marathon: 1:18:04 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

Marcel Hug (a.k.a. the “silver bullet”) won the Boston Marathon for the fourth time this spring, and then one week later he finished second in London at the 2017 World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup (he was one second away from first). Prior to Boston, he finished second in Tokyo. He enters the Chicago Marathon after winning the first ever AbbottWMM Series X wheelchair competition, and after capping his 2016 season with a win in New York (he also won in 2013). He went beyond the grand slam in 2016, winning in Boston, London, Rio, Berlin, Chicago and New York.

Hug has also won the Berlin Marathon (2011, 2012, 2016), Oita Marathon (2010, 2011, 2012), Schenkon Marathon (2012, 2014) and Seoul Marathon (2013, 2015).

Hug made waves in 2013 when he became the world marathon champion at the IPC World Championships; in addition to the marathon, he took home gold in four events: the 400m, 1500m, 5000m and 10,000m. At the 2011 IPC World Championships, he won gold in the 10,000m, and was second in four events. He is a two-time Paralympian with a silver medal in the marathon from the 2012 London Paralympics marathon and a gold medal from the 2016 Rio Paralympics.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:32:57
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:30:48



Jose Jiménez
Birthdate: 07/02/82
Citizenship: Costa Rica

Personal record

Marathon: 1:31:36 (Duluth, 2015)

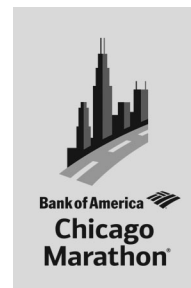
Career overview

Jose Jiménez represented Costa Rica at the 2011 IPC World Championships, claiming two top-ten finishes on the track (8th in the 1500m and 6th in the 5000m). He set his current PR in 2015 with a fourth place at Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, MN; his time, 1:31:36, ranked him 14th in the world for the year. He made his Chicago Marathon debut in 2012, finishing 16th in 1:43:54; he came back in 2015 to clock a faster time, finishing 20th in 1:42:17, and he finally dipped under 1:40 in 2016, improving to a 14th place finish in 1:38:47. He kicked off 2017 with a 29th place showing at the World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup.

Jiménez is Costa Rica's national champion in the 100m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and marathon.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	14th	1:38:47
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	20th	1:42:17
2012	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	16th	1:43:54



Gyu Dae Kim
Birthdate: 01/17/84
Citizenship: South Korea
Residence: Champaign, IL

Personal record

Marathon: 1:30:08 (Rio, 2016)

Career overview

Kim is a 2008, 2012 and 2016 Paralympian. He competed in five events in Rio at the 2016 Paralympics (5000m, 1500m, 800m, 4x400m and marathon), winning the bronze in both the marathon and the 800m. At the 2012 London Paralympic Games, he took the bronze in a sprint finish in the 1500m, and he finished seventh in the men's marathon. In 2008, he helped South Korea win a bronze medal in the 4x100m. And at the 2013 IPC World Championships, he reached the top of the podium with a gold medal in the 800m.

Kim finished 10th in his first Chicago Marathon in 2013, and then won the 2014 Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, MN. He returned to Chicago in 2014 and was part of an historic finish that saw the top 11 men finish within 11 seconds. Kim finished 6th, just six seconds behind the winner, Josh George. The same finale repeated itself in 2015: the top 11 men finished within 13 seconds of each other, and Kim was in the mix, finishing fifth in 1:30:51 (just five seconds away from the win). Last fall, Kim missed the podium by one second, landing in fourth in yet another sprint finish.

In 2004, as a surgeon with the South Korean Navy SEALs, Kim suffered spinal a cord injury after partaking in a parachute jump at about 1500 meters. His main parachute did not open, but he was able to open the backup chute. The impact from the land left his lower half paralyzed.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:33:00
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	5th	1:30:51
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	6th	1:32:18
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	10th	1:38:00



Kozo Kubo

Birthdate: 05/27/81

Citizenship: Japan

Personal record

Marathon: 1:23:24

Career overview

Kubo will be making his Chicago Marathon debut after finding his way back into track and road racing in 2014. Starting in 2008, Kubo made a name for himself as a biathlete and cross country skier. He competed in both the biathlon and cross country skiing at the 2010 and 2014 Winter Paralympic Games, winning a bronze in the biathlon in 2014. He made his AbbottWMM debut in London in 2015, finishing 26th, and then he competed in both the marathon and the 5000m at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games. While he didn't make it out of the first round of the 5000m, he fared well in the marathon, finishing 18th.

Kubo started 2017 with a 12th place in Tokyo and a 20th place in London at the World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup.

Kubo was named the IPC Athlete of the Month in January of 2013, and he was presented with the Hokkaido Honorary Award in Japan in 2014.



Simon Lawson

Birthdate: 06/07/82

Citizenship: Great Britain

Residence: Cambridge

Twitter: @_SL74

Personal record

Marathon: 1:25:06 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

Simon Lawson started competing in professional wheelchair racing in 2009, and he has improved his personal best almost every year since then. He experienced one of his best performances in Chicago in 2015, recording a 1:30:58, for a ninth place finish.

Internationally, Lawson has represented Great Britain in the marathon at the 2015 IPC World Championships where he finished 10th, and at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games where he finished 14th. He had an outstanding 2016, finishing in the top ten of four AbbottWMM events, and he started 2017 with a huge PR in Boston, 1:25:06, for a 13th place finish. Lawson also finished 24th at the World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup in London.

Lawson was a promising motorcross rider until he broke his back in a 2001 accident.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	8th	1:33:12
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	9th	1:30:58



Patrick Monahan

Birthdate: 01/14/86

Citizenship: Ireland

Twitter: @PaMonahan1986

Personal record

Marathon: 1:29:45 (Seoul, 2016)

Career overview

Patrick Monahan executed well in his second Chicago Marathon last fall, finishing 12th in 1:37:22. Monahan started 2017 on a positive note: he set a new PR and Irish national record at the Seoul Marathon, 1:29:10. His performance in Seoul the previous year was good enough to punch his ticket to Rio. He impressed in his first Paralympic Games with a 16th place finish in 1:40:26. In addition to his recent performances in the AbbottWMM, Monahan has won both the Dublin and Columbus, Ohio marathons. Most recently, he finished 14th at the World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup in London.

Monahan was inspired to take up wheelchair racing after watching the 2012 London Paralympic Marathon. He started using a racing chair in 2013 (six years after becoming paralyzed in a car accident), and two months later he finished third in the Dublin Marathon.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	12th	1:37:22
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	15th	1:38:57



Hiroki Nishida

Birthdate: 11/03/84

Citizenship: Japan

Personal record

Marathon: 1:20:28 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

Nishida started racing the AbbottWMM in 2015, posting a 17th place in London and a sixth in Tokyo. He competed in more races in 2016, starting with Tokyo in sixth place, Boston in ninth, London in sixth and New York in 11th. He returned to Tokyo to open his 2017 season with a seventh place finish, moved to Boston to finish fifth in a personal best and then ventured to London to finish 13th at the World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup. Nishida has raced well at the world championships with a 10th place in 2013 and a 17th place in 2015.

Nishida's primary focus is on improving his marathon finishes so that he can win a medal at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.



Aaron Pike

Birthdate: 05/04/86
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Champaign, IL
Twitter: @Pikester86

Personal record

Marathon: 1:22:09 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

Aaron Pike is one of many top competitors to emerge from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign program. He made a name for himself in 2012 when he and Josh George sailed under the course record at Grandma's Marathon (Pike was the runner up). That performance paved his way to London where he participated in his first Paralympic Games. He finished 16th in the marathon, and he also qualified to compete in three track events: the 1500m, 5000m, and 4x400m relay.

Pike's 2017 season is off to a strong start – he captured two top 10 finishes this spring with a seventh place and a personal best in Boston and a seventh place at the World Para Athletic Championships in London. He has been in the chase pack for the past three years in Chicago, but he hasn't broken into the top three yet. Pike remains a consistent performer in the AbbottWMM – he has finished in the top-ten five times in Boston and eight times in Chicago. He is also a member of the U.S. Nordic Ski team.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	5th	1:33:01
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	7th	1:30:54
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	7th	1:32:19
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	7th	1:34:02
2012	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:39:08
2011	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	6th	1:38:56
2010	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	6th	1:36:04
2009	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	8th	1:48:31



Krige Schabort

Birthdate: 09/09/63
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Cedartown, GA

Personal record

Marathon: 1:23:44 (Boston, 2012)

Career overview

Krige Schabort won his debut Chicago Marathon in 2005 and set a new course record (which Fearnley broke in 2007). In 2007, he missed returning to the top of the podium by one second, losing to Kurt Fearnley in a sprint finish. He finished third in 2006, 2008 and 2009, and eighth in 2013 – the last time he competed in the Chicago Marathon.

Schabort won back-to-back titles at the New York City Marathon in 2002 and 2003, and he is a seven-time Honolulu Marathon champion. In 2011, he set a course record in the Ironman World Championships. He swept away the field at the 2013 Los Angeles Marathon, winning by more than seven minutes, and he finished 6th in New York. More recently, he finished seventh in New York last fall and 10th in London this spring at the World Para Athletic Marathon World Cup. In August, he won the Beach to Beacon 10K, beating 10-time winner Tony Nogueira by almost a minute. Schabort will be 54 when he lines up to race Chicago on October 8.

Now a U.S. citizen, Schabort is originally from South Africa. He represented South Africa at the 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004 Paralympic Games. He won the bronze medal at the 1992 Paralympic Games Marathon in Barcelona. He upgraded his medal to silver at the 2000 Sydney Games.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	8th	1:35:21
2009	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:34:28
2008	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:36:21
2007	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:28:07
2006	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:28:07
2005	Bank of America Chicago Marathon		1:29:40

**Brian Siemann**

Birthdate: 10/07/89

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Champaign, IL

Twitter: @bsiemann

Personal record

Marathon: 1:26:46 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

Brian Siemann is a two-time Paralympian (2012, 2016) and an established athlete on the track. At the 2012 London Paralympics, he finished sixth in the 100m, eighth in the 800m and 25th in the marathon. He won the 2016 U.S. Paralympic Trials in the 100m and 800m, took home a silver medal in the 400m and a bronze in the 5000m. He finished his 2016 season on a high note with a 13th place finish in Chicago and a seventh place finish in New York (a course he tends to race well on). He started 2017 with a personal best in Boston, 1:26:46, to finish 17th, and he hung on at the World Para Athletic Marathon World Cup in London to finish 27th.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	13th	1:38:43
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	22nd	1:45:18
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	23rd	1:49:04
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	11th	1:38:01
2012	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	5th	1:47:25
2011	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	9th	1:43:54
2010	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	14th	1:49:09

**Tomoki Suzuki**

Birthdate: 06/14/94

Citizenship: Japan

Personal record

Marathon: 1:26:03 (Oita 2016)

Career overview

At 23, Suzuki is one of the youngest athletes in the elite field. He ranked 10th in the world in 2016 with his personal best in Oita, 1:26:03, and he nearly matched that time in Tokyo for a fifth place finish in his debut AbbottWMM race. He started his 2017 season with a return to Tokyo and a third place finish. He followed that impressive showing with his first appearance in a world championship marathon. He exceeded expectations with a 16th place finish at the World Para Athletic Marathon World Cup – he was just six seconds shy of reaching the top of the podium.

Suzuki competed in the 2015 world championships on the track, finishing 22nd in the 5000m.



Ernst Van Dyk

Birthdate: 04/14/73
Citizenship: South Africa
Residence: Paarl, RSA
Twitter: @ernstvandyk

Personal record

Marathon: 1:18:04 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

Ernst Van Dyk won the 2013 Chicago Marathon after an exciting sprint finish, and he almost became a back-to-back champion in 2014, but Josh George and Kurt Fearnley edged him at the line. He came back in 2015 seeking his second Chicago Marathon victory, but he had to settle for fourth after a mad dash to the finish. The same situation repeated itself in 2016 when Van Dyk found himself in the midst of another notable sprint finish in Chicago.

Van Dyk has won the Boston Marathon a record ten times, including six in a row from 2001 to 2006. His 2004 victory in 1:18:27 was a world best until Canada's Josh Cassidy broke it by two seconds in 2012. He started 2017 with a second place finish in Boston (his fourth runner-up finish in Boston). He has raced the London Marathon 11 times, making the podium four times but never capturing the victory. He finished fourth this spring. Van Dyk won the 2005 and 2015 New York City Marathon, and was runner up in 2013 and 2014.

Van Dyk has competed in every Paralympic Games since 1992, winning numerous medals on the track and road, including a bronze in the marathon in Beijing in 2008. Outside of running, he is an accomplished handcyclist, having won Paralympic gold medals in the handcycle road race at the 2008 and 2012 Paralympic Games.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	6th	1:33:02
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:30:50
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:32:13
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:30:37
2010	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:32:43



Sho Watanabe

Birthdate: 11/23/91
Citizenship: Japan

Personal record

Marathon: 1:28:01 (Tokyo 2017)

Career overview

Like Suzuki, Watanabe is relatively new to the AbbottWMM, but he announced his presence in a bold way: he won the 2017 Tokyo Marathon, beating AbbottWMM Series X champion Marcel Hug in a sprint finish. It was Hug's first defeat in seven races. Watanabe struggled in his next race at the World Para Athletic Marathon World Cup, finishing a disappointing 34th.

Outside of the AbbottWMM, Watanabe finished eighth at the 2013 world championships marathon, and 15th in the 5000m at the 2015 world championships. He has been competing in the sport since 2011 when he was injured in a car accident. Within two years, he was part of Japan's world championships team in the 10,000m and the marathon. He will be making his Chicago Marathon debut.



Ryota Yoshida
Birthdate: 09/28/81
Citizenship: Japan

Personal record

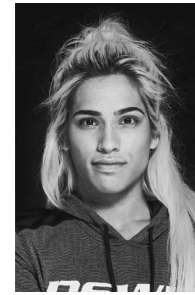
Marathon: 1:23:18 (Boston 2017)

Career overview

Yoshida made his international debut in 2015 at the World Championships in London. He finished 11th in 1:35:35. He returned to London in 2016, but finished well outside of the medals in 20th place. He rebounded in Berlin to end his year with a fourth place finish, just missing legend Ernst Van Dyk at the line for third. Yoshida started 2017 with a fourth place in Tokyo and a massive personal best in Boston, 1:23:18, for 11th place. One week later, he performed well at the World Para Athletic Marathon World Cup in London, coming home in 12th place.

The 2017 Chicago Marathon marks his first time racing in the United States.

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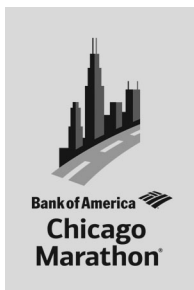
Madison de Rozario
Birthdate: 11/23/93
Citizenship: Australia

Personal record

Marathon: 1:53:44 (London, 2013)

Career overview

At just 14-years-old, de Rozario was the youngest athlete to compete in the 2008 Paralympic Games, helping her team to a silver medal in the 4x100m relay while also competing individually in the 100m and 400m. She competed in four events at the 2012 Paralympic Games: 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m and she picked up two silver medals at the 2016 Paralympic Games in the 800m and 4x400m. She is a five-time world championship athlete, most recently winning the gold medal in the 5000m, a silver in the 800m and a bronze in the 1500m at the 2017 World Para Athletic Championships. She is the reigning Australian record holder over 800m and 5000m, and this fall marks her first serious run at the marathon distance. She competed in London in 2013, but her primary focus was still on the track. With her speed on the track and her attention turned to 42K, de Rozario could upset some of the more seasoned veterans in the field.



Jenna Fesemyer

Birthdate: 01/31/97

Citizenship: United States

Twitter: @JennaFesemyer

Personal record

Marathon: 1:59:52

Career overview

Fesemyer began racing in 2013 as a high school student in Ohio, and she quickly emerged as a trail-blazer in adaptive sports. She was Ohio's first female wheelchair high school track state champion, and by her senior year in 2014, four other girls and nine boys had joined her quest. In 2014, U.S. Paralympics named her the National Girls Field Athlete of the Year. After high school, she joined the prestigious University of Illinois Illini Wheelchair track and road racing team. She competed in the 2016 Paralympic Trials in the 100m, 400m and 800m, and she finished her season at the Chicago Marathon.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	9th	2:18:11



Katrina Gerhard

Birthdate: 12/13/96

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Champaign, IL

Personal record

Marathon: 1:40:34 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

Gerhard built a name for herself at the 2014 National Junior Disability Championships as a 17-year-old when she won 10 track and field gold medals, and set U-20 national records in the javelin and pentathlon. She also holds the U-20 mark in the shot put. On the roads, she finished second to global sensation Tatyana McFadden at the 2014 Falmouth Road Race, and she won the 2014 B.A.A. Half Marathon. She made her marathon debut in Chicago in 2015, finishing seventh in 2:01:58. She got under two hours in Chicago in 2016, and she capped her year with a fifth place finish in New York. She has spent 2017 demolishing her previous marks. She started in Boston with a personal best, 1:40:34, and a ninth place finish, and she continued at the 2017 World Para Athletic Marathon World Cup in London with a sixth place finish. Gerhard races competitively at the University of Illinois and is coached by Adam Bleakney.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	6th	1:56:54
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	7th	2:01:58



Sandra Graf

Birthdate: 12/09/69

Citizenship: Switzerland

Personal record

Marathon: 1:35:44 (Padua, 2008)

Career overview

Sandra Graf is a two-time silver medalist at the IPC World Championships in the marathon (2006, 2011), and a two-time bronze medalist at the Paralympics (2008, 2012). She is a five-time Paralympian (2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016).

Graf has reached the top of the podium in several international races: Padua (2008); Oita (2010); London (2008); Berlin (2006, 2009, 2012); and she has finished inside of the top-ten at the New York City Marathon eight times. Graf finished fifth at the 2014 Chicago Marathon and fourth last fall.

She has competed in distances ranging from the 400m to the 5000m on the track, and outside of professional wheelchair racing, she won gold in the 16K handcycling time trial at the 2012 London Paralympic Games. She has been racing at a competitive level for 18 years.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:50:13
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	5th	1:46:15



Sammi Kinghorn

Birthdate: 06/01/96

Citizenship: Great Britain

Twitter: @Sam_Kinghorn

Marathon debut

Career overview

Kinghorn enters this year's Chicago Marathon as a 2017 double world champion in the 100m and 200m. She also won a bronze in the 400m and finished fifth in the 800m. During her season so far, she has broken the T53 200m world record and set European records over 100m, 400m and 800m. She started racing competitively in 2012 and by 2016 she was a Paralympian competing in three events (100m, 400m and 800). She finished in the top eight of all three. The Chicago Marathon is new territory for Kinghorn – she will be making her global debut over the marathon distance.

Kinghorn has received several awards since 2013: Athlete with an Impairment of the Year (Scotland); Sports Personality of the Year (2015); Inspirational Performance of the Year (2015); Scotswoman of the Year (2015); Inspirational Performance of the Year (2016); Young Citizen Wheelchair Sports Award (2016); and Title IX Role Model Award (2016).



Chelsea McClammer

Birthdate: 03/01/94
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Champaign, IL
Twitter: @ChleseamMcC

Personal record

Marathon: 1:37:09 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

Chelsea McClammer made her marathon debut in Chicago in 2014 with an impressive fourth place finish. She followed her debut with a podium finish in 2015, crossing the line third in 1:50:02, and she continues to be a consistent performer on the global stage. She started 2017 with a fifth place finish in Boston and a new personal best, 1:37:09.

McClammer is mainly known for her speed on the track (she began racing at age 11). At the age of 14, she was the youngest member of the 2008 U.S. Paralympic team in Beijing. She finished eighth in the 800m. She competed in the 200m at the 2011 IPC World Championships, and she won her first global medal at the 2013 IPC World Championships when she took home bronze in the 200m. She experienced her best world championship performances this year: she won the silver in the 400m and two bronze in the 5000m and 800m (she was fourth in the 1500m).

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:50:02
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:45:55



Tatyana McFadden

Birthdate: 04/21/89
Citizenship: United States
Residence: Champaign, IL
Twitter: @TatyanaMcfadden

Personal record

Marathon: 1:35:05 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

Tatyana McFadden, a four-time Paralympian, made history in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 as the only athlete to ever win four Abbott World Marathon Majors (AWMM) in one year: London, Boston, Chicago and New York. In total, she has won 19 WMM in just nine years of elite marathon racing. She closed out her 2016 season with a win in New York and a new title: the 2016-17 Abbott World Marathon Majors Series X champion.

A ten-time U.S. Summer Paralympic track and field medalist and the only woman to win six gold medals in a single IPC World Championships, McFadden returns to capture her seventh consecutive Chicago Marathon victory and her eighth in the last nine years. Last year's victory made her the most accomplished champion in Chicago Marathon history. McFadden made her marathon debut in Chicago in 2009, outsprinting her more seasoned competitors in the closest women's wheelchair finish in Chicago Marathon history.

McFadden's 2017 season got off to a rocky start. She suffered from blood clots before the Boston Marathon and competed just a few weeks after having surgery. Although she set a new personal best, she finished off of the podium in fourth place after being undefeated since 2013. She skipped the World Para Athletic Marathon World Cup in London, but she made a valiant comeback on the track, winning four gold medals in the 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m.

In 2014, McFadden astounded in a new sport: cross country skiing. She won a silver medal at the Sochi Paralympic Winter Games and then 32 days later, she won the Boston Marathon (and one week later, she won London).

In her wake, she has taken down course records in London (breaking her own course record in 2014), New York and Chicago.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:42:28
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:41:10 CR
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2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:42:35

Date	Event	Place	Time
2012	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:49:52
2011	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:45:03
2010	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:56:11
2009	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:50:47

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Amanda McGrory
 Birthdate: 06/09/86
 Citizenship: Unites States
 Residence: Champaign, IL
 Twitter: @alittlechipped

Personal record

Marathon: 1:33:13 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

McGrory is a three-time Chicago Marathon champion with back-to-back victories in 2007 and 2008 and another in 2010. She was third in 2009, just two seconds behind her University of Illinois teammate, Tatyana McFadden, and third again last year behind McFadden and Schär. The U of I duo has won every Chicago Marathon since 2007 (McGrory made her Chicago Marathon debut in 2007 as a 21-year-old).

McGrory started her 2017 season on a positive note, picking up wins at the Tokyo Marathon, the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K and Grandma's Marathon (her eighth time winning in Duluth). She finished second in Boston in a new personal best, 1:33:13, and she finished second at the 2017 World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup in London in April. At the 2017 world championships on the track, she scored two bronze medals in the 800m and 1500m and a silver in the 5000m.

At the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing, McGrory took home a complete set of medals – gold in the 5000m, silver in the marathon and bronze in the 800m. She didn't medal in 2012, but she did in 2016: she won the silver in the 1500m and two bronze in the 5000m and the marathon.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:47:55
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:50:02
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:45:55
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:42:55
2010	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:47:25
2009	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:50:49
2008	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:55:12
2007	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:45:27



Arielle Rausin

Birthdate: 09/16/93

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Champaign, IL

Twitter: @racingrausin

Personal record

Marathon: 1:41:26 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

Arielle Rausin is still one of the youngest competitors in the professional wheelchair field, but she has raced a lot on the roads. She ran her first Chicago Marathon in 2012, and she has steadily improved each year. Her best finish so far happened in 2015 at Grandma's Marathon. She took a significant amount of time off of her personal best, and finished behind University of Illinois alums and teammates, Tatyana McFadden, Chelsea McClammer and Susan Scaroni. Rausin clocked her best time on Chicago's course in 2015, and she started her 2017 season with an 10th place finish in Boston and a new personal best, 1:41:26

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	8th	2:05:48
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	8th	2:06:08
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	7th	2:45:39



Susannah Scaroni

Birthdate: 05/16/91

Citizenship: United States

Residence: Urbana, IL

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Personal record

Marathon: 1:33:17 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

Scaroni, a two-time Paralympian, has come a long way since her debut marathon at the 2011 Chicago Marathon. Since then, she has raced internationally in London, and nationally in Boston, New York, Los Angeles, Twin Cities and Duluth. After finishing second to McFadden at the 2012 Chicago Marathon, she turned around and won the 2013 Los Angeles Marathon and then broke the course record at the Twin Cities Marathon. She started 2017 with podium finishes all around: she was third in Tokyo, third in Boston (in a personal best) and third at the 2017 World Para Athletic Marathon World Cup in London. She continued her success on the track – finishing with a pair of sixth place finishes at the world championships in the 800m and 5000m.

Scaroni was eighth in the 2012 Paralympic marathon and seventh at the 2016 Paralympic marathon. Given her success in 2017, Scaroni could be in the hunt for the win in Chicago.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	5th	1:52:50
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	6th	1:50:10
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	7th	1:51:56
2012	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:56:30
2011	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	7th	2:02:51



Manuela Schär

Birthdate: 12/05/84

Citizenship: Switzerland

Residence: Kriens, SUI

Personal Record

Marathon: 1:28:17 (Boston, 2017)

Career overview

After finishing second to McFadden for the past four years, will this be the year Schär finally takes the crown in Chicago? Her 2017 season has seen her finish second in Tokyo, first in Boston (in a new personal best) and first at the 2017 World Para Athletic Marathon World Cup in London. She also competed well in the track world championships, finishing with a silver medal in the 800m, fifth in the 400m and 5000m and seventh in the 1500m. Schär's 1:38:07 in Oita is recognized as the current world record (run on a record eligible course; she and Wakako Tsuchida share the record – they finished first together in Oita).

Schär, a four-time Paralympian, made her Chicago Marathon debut in 2013 in convincing fashion, finishing second by two seconds behind defending champion Tatyana McFadden. The pattern between McFadden and Schär has continued in the AbbottWMM series: Schär finished second to McFadden in Chicago and New York in 2015, and second to McFadden in Boston, London, Chicago and New York in 2016. She was also the runner up to McFadden for the AbbottWMM Series X title. But 2017 is telling a different story so far, and Schär might finally get the victory in the windy city that has eluded her for four years.

Schär competed in the 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016 Paralympic Games, racking up three medals – two bronze and one silver – in the 100m and 200m sprints.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Event	Place	Time
2016	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:42:29
2015	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:41:56
2014	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:45:12
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:42:37