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## Elite athlete roster

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#### Kenenisa Bekele

**Birthdate:** June 13, 1982

**Citizenship:** Ethiopia

**Residence:** Ethiopia

**Agent:** Valentijn Trouw

**Sponsor:** Nike

### Personal records

Marathon	2:05:04 (Paris, 2014)
Half marathon	1:00:09 (South Shields, 2013)
10,000m	26:17.53 World Record (Brussels, 2005)
5,000m	12:37.35 World Record (Hengelo, 2004)

### Career overview

Bekele, arguably the greatest track and cross country runner in the history of the sport, ran 2:05:04 in his marathon debut in Paris this April, placing first. He ran solo from 30K to the finish with a sore hamstring as his only competitor. He set a new course record and his winning time is the sixth-fastest marathon debut in history on a record-eligible course. It is also the fastest ever debut by someone older than 30.

Bekele comes to Chicago as a three-time Olympic gold medalist, 18-time World Championship medalist and current World Record holder in the 5,000m and 10,000m. In a career spanning nearly 15 years, he has only raced on American soil – and always on the track – five times. In 2008, he fell short of breaking his own World Record in the 10,000m, but still ran the fastest time ever recorded in the U.S., finishing in 26 minutes and 25.97 seconds at the Prefontaine Classic.

From 2003 to 2012, Bekele never lost a 10,000m that he finished (he recorded one DNF in 2011). In 2002, he became the first man in history to win both the long course (12K) and short course (4K) at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships, a feat he continued for the next four years. To date, Bekele's 12 World Cross Country titles (not including his four team wins) are more than any other athlete in history. At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, he doubled in the 5,000m and 10,000m, taking home gold in both events.

Bekele struggled with injuries following the 2009 World Championships; he finally returned to the roads in 2012, and ran his debut road half marathon in 2013, beating a hard charging Mo Farah to the line by one second. This victory cemented his comeback, and, given his track speed and international record, Bekele could threaten both the Chicago Marathon course record (2:03:45) and the world record (2:03:23).

### Athlete quote

"I am looking forward to coming back to America, and to running fast," said Bekele. "I have heard great things about the fans in Chicago and the course. After my win in Paris, I understand the marathon distance a lot better and I will bring that experience to Chicago. I know Chicago has a very fast course and, therefore, my goal is to break the course record of 2:03:45. After that, everything is possible."

## 2014 Races

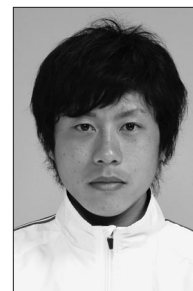
Date	Race	Place	Time
01/11/14	BUPA Great Edinburgh Cross Country 4km	5th	12:02
04/06/14	Schneider Electric Marathon de Paris	1st	2:05:04
05/18/14	BUPA Great Manchester Run 10K Road	1st	28:23

## Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/06/14	Paris Marathon	1st	2:05:04

## Additional highlights

Date	Race	Place	Event	Time
05/31/13	Eugene Prefontaine Classic	1st	10,000m	27:12.1
08/04/12	London Olympic Games	4th	10,000m	27:32.4
09/16/11	Bruxelles Memorial van Damme	1st	10,000m	26:43.2
09/04/09	Bruxelles Memorial Van Damme	1st	5000m	12:55.3
08/28/09	Zürich Weltklasse	1st	5000m	12:52.3
08/27/09	Berlin IAAF World Championships	1st	10,000m	26:46.3
08/23/09	Berlin IAAF World Championships	1st	5000m	13:17.1
07/17/09	Paris-St-Denis Meeting Areva	1st	3000m	07:28.6
07/10/09	Roma Golden Gala	1st	5000m	12:56.2
07/03/09	Oslo Bislett Games	1st	5000m	13:04.9
08/29/08	Zürich Weltklasse	1st	5000m	12:50.2
08/23/08	Beijing Olympic Games	1st	5000m	12:57.8
08/17/08	Beijing Olympic Games	1st	10,000m	27:01.2
09/14/07	Bruxelles Memorial Van Damme	1st	10,000m	26:46.2
08/27/07	Osaka IAAF World Championships	1st	10,000m	27:05.9
08/25/06	Bruxelles Memorial Van Damme	1st	5000m	12:48.1
08/18/06	Zürich Weltklasse	1st	5000m	12:48.2
07/14/06	Roma Golden Gala	1st	5000m	12:51.4
07/08/06	Paris-St-Denis Meeting Gaz de France	1st	5000m	12:51.3
08/26/05	Bruxelles Memorial Van Damme	1st	10,000m	26:17.5
08/19/05	Zürich Weltklasse	1st	3000m	07:32.6
08/08/05	Helsinki IAAF World Championships	1st	10,000m	27:08.3
07/01/05	Paris-St-Denis Meeting Gaz de France	1st	5000m	12:40.2
08/28/04	Athens Olympic Games	2nd	5000m	13:14.6
08/20/04	Athens Olympic Games	1st	10,000m	27:05.1
08/31/03	Paris-St-Denis IAAF World Championships	3rd	5000m	12:53.1
08/24/03	Paris-St-Denis IAAF World Championships	1st	10,000m	26:49.6
06/27/03	Oslo ExxonMobil Bislett Games	1st	5000m	12:52.3



## Yu Chiba

Birthdate: December 17, 1988  
 Citizenship: Japan  
 Residence: Saitama, Japan  
 Height: 5'6"  
 Weight: 123 lbs.  
 Coach: Yosuke Osawa and Satoshi Ogawa  
 Sponsor: Honda

## Personal records

Marathon	2:13:19 (Oita, 2013)
Half marathon	1:03:12 (Ageo, 2013)
10,000m	29:09 (Yokohama, 2010)

## Career overview

Chiba arrives in Chicago after a breakthrough performance at the 2013 Beppu Oita Mainichi Marathon where he ran a personal best 2:13:19 and finished seventh. Chiba started running in primary school, and was named "Rookie of the Year" by the Oita Marathon committee after his 2013 performance.

## 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/18/14	Nordea Riga Marathon	1st	2:13:44
02/02/14	Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon	12th	2:14:36

## Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/18/14	Nordea Riga Marathon	1st	2:13:44
02/02/14	Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon	12th	2:14:36
08/25/13	Hokkaido Marathon	8th	2:16:17
02/03/13	Beppu-Oita Mainichi Marathon	7th	2:13:19



## Dickson Chumba

**Birthdate:** October 27, 1986

**Citizenship:** Kenya

**Agent:** Federico Rosa

**Sponsor:** Nike

### Personal records

Marathon	2:05:42 (Tokyo, 2014)
Half marathon	1:00:39 (San Diego, 2014)

### Career overview

The 2014 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will be Dickson Chumba's 10th career marathon, and his first time racing in Chicago. He arrives after setting PRs on the road in the 10km, half marathon and marathon. With his most recent win in Tokyo in February, Chumba broke the course record, subtracted four seconds from his 2012 PR and defeated two runners he will meet again at the start line on October 12: Sammy Kitwara and Tadesse Tola.

### Personal

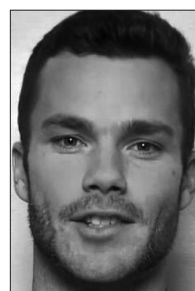
Prior to becoming a professional runner in 2008, Chumba worked as a gardener.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/27/14	Media Maratón Internacional Bogotá	2nd	1:04:10
06/01/14	San Diego Half-Marathon	3rd	1:00:39
05/25/14	Abraham Rosa International 10km	3rd	28:47
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	1st	2:05:42

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	1st	2:05:42
10/20/13	TCS Amsterdam Marathon	8th	2:10:15
04/15/13	Boston Marathon	7th	2:14:08
10/14/12	De Lage Landen Marathon Eindhoven	1st	2:05:46
01/07/12	Xiamen Marathon	2nd	2:08:21
10/30/11	BMW Frankfurt Marathon	7th	2:07:23
03/04/11	Rome Marathon	1st	2:08:45
10/10/10	Maratona D'Italia Memorial Enzo Ferrari, Carpi	2nd	2:09:20
04/25/10	Madrid Marathon	2nd	2:11:54



## Bobby Curtis

**Birthdate:** November 28, 1984

**Citizenship:** United States

**Residence:** Rochester Hills, MI

**Height:** 6'0"

**Weight:** 150 lbs.

**Coach:** Keith and Kevin Hanson

**Sponsor:** Brooks

**Twitter:** @BobbbyCurtis

### Personal records

Marathon	2:13:24 (Fukuoka, 2013)
Half marathon	1:01:53 (Philadelphia, 2011)
10,000m	27:24.67 (Palo Alto, 2011)

### Career overview

Bobby Curtis made his much anticipated marathon debut in 2011 with a 14th place finish at the TCS New York City Marathon in 2:16:44. In 2012 he moved back to the track and competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 10,000m, finishing 10th in 27:58. Curtis' 27:24 PR, set in 2011, makes him the 7th fastest American male ever in the 10,000m. In 2013, Curtis joined the Hansons-Brooks Original Distance Project (ODP) and took more than two minutes off of his marathon best when he finished 10th in Fukuoka in 2:13:24.

Curtis was an eight-time All-American and six-time BIG EAST champion during his Villanova career; he is one of only two Wildcats to win the 5,000 meter title at the NCAA Outdoor Championships. He captured back-to-back conference titles in the event in 2007 and 2008 and preceded his national title in the 5,000 meters with a runner-up finish one year earlier.

### Athlete quote

"I'm very excited to run the Bank of America Chicago Marathon this fall. The depth of the field this year is incredible. I'm looking forward to seeing where I stand against the world's best, as well as how I stack up against some of the top Americans. Chicago is an exceptionally fast course so I hope to lower my PR of 2:13 by a few minutes. I've been training well so I think I have a realistic shot at 2:10 or 2:11, on a great day, maybe faster."

### 2014 Races

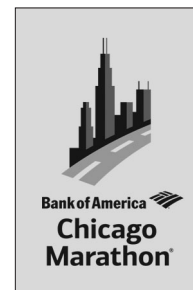
Date	Race	Place	Time
07/04/14	Atlanta Peachtree Road Race 10K	7th	29:16
06/26/14	USA Championships 10,000m	6th	28:40.60
05/26/14	Bolder Boulder 10K	11th	30:31.2
05/15/14	USATF High Performance 5000m	8th	13:46.09
05/04/14	Payton Jordan Memorial 10,000m	7th	27:46.30
04/19/14	B.A.A. 5K	10th	13:47
03/40/14	Carlsbad 5K	10th	13:59
02/23/14	Gasparilla Distance Classic Half-Marathon	3rd	1:04:26

**Career marathons**

Date	Race	Place	Time
12/01/13	Fukuoka International Marathon	10th	2:13:24
11/06/11	ING New York City Marathon	15th	2:16:44

**Additional highlights**

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/28/10	Bydgoszcz IAAF World Cross Country Champs	47th	35:08
03/28/09	Amman IAAF World Cross Country Champs	37th	37:00
06/13/08	NCAA Championships 5000m	1st	13:33.93

**Chris Erichsen****Birthdate:** December 19, 1985**Citizenship:** United States**Residence:** Minneapolis, MN**Agent:** Roger Twigg**Twitter:** @cjerichsen**Personal records**

Marathon	2:16:31 (Duluth, 2012)
Half marathon	1:04:29 (Duluth, 2011)

**Career overview**

Chris Erichsen kicked off his marathon career with a win at the 2010 Fargo Marathon, and in just his second attempt at the distance, he qualified for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. Unlike many men at the top of the elite field, he juggles running professionally with a corporate career at Target. The former Division III All-American in track and cross-country runs more than 100 miles per week and works 50 hours.

**2014 Races**

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/31/14	Dam to Dam Half Marathon	14th	1:12:30
05/26/14	Brian Kraft Memorial 5K	2nd	14:48
03/20/14	Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle	9th	23:55
03/23/14	Irish Run 8K	1st	24:19
03/16/14	Shamrock Sportsfest Marathon	3rd	2:22:33

**Career marathons**

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/16/14	Shamrock Sportsfest Marathon	3rd	2:22:33
05/18/13	Fargo Marathon	1st	2:20:42
10/07/12	Twin Cities Marathon	10th	2:19:00
06/16/12	Grandma's Marathon	9th	2:16:31
01/14/12	U.S. Olympic Trials	40th	2:17:52
03/20/12	Yuengling Shamrock Marathon	1st	2:18:24
05/22/10	Fargo Marathon	1st	2:19:55



### Ryosuke Fukuyama

**Birthdate:** September 25, 1980

**Citizenship:** Japan

**Residence:** Saitama, Japan

**Height:** 5'7"

**Weight:** 123 lbs.

**Coach:** Yosuke Osawa and Satoshi Ogawa

**Sponsor:** Honda

### Personal records

Marathon	2:10:59 (Otsu, 2013)
Half marathon	1:02:49 (Yamaguchi, 2008)

### Career overview

Fukuyama had a breakthrough year in the marathon in 2013, subtracting three minutes from his personal best and striding into 2:10 territory. He followed that performance with a strong showing in March, running 2:11:18. He spent his spring and summer fine-tuning his speed by focusing on shorter races before returning to the half marathon in July.

In peak training, Fukuyama runs 186 miles/week. He averages between 124-155 miles/week and completes a long run of 28 miles. Fukuyama's goal in Chicago is to run 3:00 per km through 30K, or 2:06:35 marathon pace.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/20/14	Shibetsu Half-Marathon	7th	1:05:22
06/15/14	Nittai University 5000m	19th	14:21.87
04/29/14	Heisei Kokusai University 5000m	5th	14:15.89
04/20/14	Kumagaya Challenge Meet, 3000m	4th	8:26.15
03/02/14	Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon	5th	2:11:18
02/02/14	Marugame Half-Marathon	36th	1:03:36

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/02/14	Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon	5th	2:11:18
03/03/13	Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon	11th	2:10:59
09/09/12	Muenster Marathon	6th	2:15:49
03/04/12	Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon	18th	2:13:55
02/01/09	Beppu-Oita Marathon	19th	2:18:32



### Brendan Gregg

**Birthdate:** May 15, 1989

**Citizenship:** United States

**Residence:** Rochester Hills, MI

**Height:** 6'2"

**Weight:** 145 lbs.

**Coach:** Keith and Kevin Hanson

**Sponsor:** Brooks

**Twitter:** @bg\_gregg

### Marathon debut

### Personal records

Half marathon	1:03:35 (Richmond, 2013)
10,000m	28:28.54 (Palo Alto, 2014)

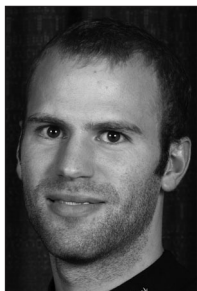
### Career overview

Brendan Gregg is a relative newcomer to the professional running scene. He graduated from Stanford University in 2012 where he was 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. As a professional runner, he has posted a qualifying time for the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials with his 2013 half-marathon performance, 1:03:35. In March, he finished second to teammate Jake Riley in the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K.

Gregg's most impressive performance has been on the track: he finished 7th at the 2014 USATF Championships en route to a new PR, 28:28. Gregg's 10,000m speed could translate to an impressive marathon debut.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/04/14	Atlanta Peachtree Road Race 10K	11th	29:35
06/27/14	USATF Championships 5000m	13th	13:56.18
06/26/14	USATF Championships 10,000m	7th	28:48.22
05/31/14	Speed River Inferno 5000m	1st	13:48.47
05/04/14	Payton Jordan Invitational 10,000m	17th	28:28.54
04/18/14	Jesse Owens Track Classic 5000m	3rd	13:50.76
03/30/14	Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K	2nd	23:09
01/11/14	Great Edinburgh Cross-Country 8km	13th	24:52



### Luke Humphrey

**Birthdate:** April 10, 1981

**Citizenship:** United States

**Residence:** Rochester Hills, MI

**Height:** 5'11"

**Weight:** 145 lbs.

**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 fifth Bank of America 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 since 2004. 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's been a top-12 finisher at the Chicago, Boston and New York City marathons.

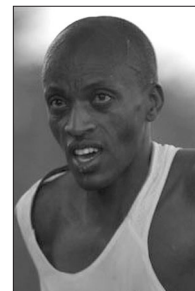
Humphrey and his teammates and fellow Chicago Marathon competitors Mike Morgan, Brendan Gregg and Melissa White coach runners of all abilities as part of Hanson's Coaching Services, LLC. In 2012, he wrote a book, Hansons Marathon Method, along with his coaches, Keith and Kevin Hanson. To date, the book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

### 2014 races

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/10/14	Fifth Third Riverbank 10K	1st	30:54
04/18/14	Jesse Owens Track Classic 5000m	13th	14:26.99
03/30/14	Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K	14th	23:59
01/19/14	Houston Marathon	13th	2:16:34

### Career marathons

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



### Fidele Jefferson

**Birthdate:** December 12, 1977

**Citizenship:** United States

**Residence:** Flagstaff, AZ

### Personal records

Marathon	2:15:18 (Chicago 2013)
Half marathon	1:06:17

### Career overview

Fidele Jefferson waited until he was in his 30s to make his marathon debut. He started the 2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon as part of the American Development Program, and kicked off his first 5K on 4:58/mile pace. He split the half in 1:05:15 – a minute faster than his personal best – and came home on tired legs in 17<sup>th</sup> place in 2:15:18. Jefferson's remarkable performance in Chicago sparked a running campaign that has resulted in solid performances in the half marathon and marathon. At the 2014 Pittsburgh Marathon, he missed first place by 67 seconds, but held on for second and finished as the top American.

Jefferson spent the summer in Kenya training and hopes to have another breakthrough performance on race day.

### 2014 races

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/04/14	Pittsburgh Marathon	2nd	2:17:37
03/16/14	New York City Half-Marathon	27th	1:06:20
01/22/14	Standard Chartered Dubai Marathon	29th	2:22:57

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/04/14	Pittsburgh Marathon	2nd	2:17:37
01/22/14	Standard Chartered Dubai Marathon	29th	2:22:57
12/08/13	Honolulu Marathon	8th	2:22:52
10/13/13	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	17th	2:15:18





## Eliud Kipchoge

**Birthdate:** November 5, 1984

**Citizenship:** Kenya

**Resides:** Eldoret, Kenya

**Agent:** Valentijn Trouw

**Sponsor:** Nike

### Personal records

Marathon	2:04:05 (Berlin, 2013)
Half marathon	59:25 (Lille, 2012)
10,000m	26:49.02 (Hengelo, 2007)

### Career overview

Eliud Kipchoge is a relative newcomer to the marathon – he made his debut in 2013 – but his career extends back to 2003. He made his name on the cross-country circuit as a junior in 2003 when he took gold at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships. He followed that performance by turning to the track with a bronze medal in the 5,000m at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games. He finished one second behind eventual winner Hicham El Guerrouj and a step behind fellow Chicago Marathon rival, Kenenisa Bekele. He earned another bronze at the 2006 IAAF World Indoor Championships. A series of silver medals came, starting at the 2007 World Championships before he finished second to Bekele in the 5,000m at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. His 3000m best of 7:27.72 ranks him among the top ten at the distance and his 5,000m best of 12:46.53 makes him the fourth fastest ever in the event.

After missing the 2012 London Olympics, Kipchoge traded in his spikes for a pair of racing flats and made his half marathon debut in 59:25. In 2013, he made his marathon debut by running 2:05:30 and breaking the course record in Hamburg. He ran straight into the record books with his second marathon in Berlin, becoming the sixth fastest athlete in the history of the marathon. He ran a significant PR, 2:04:05, and finished second behind current world record holder Wilson Kipsang (2:03:23). Kipchoge launched his 2014 campaign with a pair of first place finishes at the Mitja Marató de Barcelona and the ABN AMRO Marathon Rotterdam.

Kipchoge and Bekele plan to chase the course record, 2:03:45, at the 2014 Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

### Athlete quote

"I am looking forward to coming to Chicago and competing with Kenenisa on the road this time. I chose Chicago because it has a fast course and I want to better my personal best. It's also one of the best races in the world."

### 2014 races

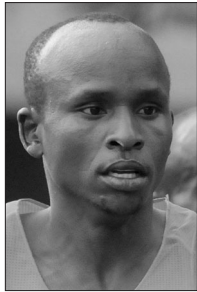
Date	Race	Place	Time
07/16/14	Giro Podistico Internazionale di Castelbuono 10-K	2nd	30:35
04/13/14	ABN AMRO Marathon Rotterdam	1st	2:05:00
02/16/14	Mitja Marató de Barcelona	1st	1:00:52

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/13/14	ABN AMRO Marathon Rotterdam	1st	2:05:00
09/29/13	BMW Berlin Marathon	2nd	2:04:05
04/21/13	Haspa Marathon Hamburg	1st	2:05:30

### Additional highlights

Date	Race	Place	Event	Time
10/06/12	Kavarna IAAF World Half Marathon Championships	6th	Half Marathon	1:01:52
05/14/10	Doha IAAF Diamond League Meeting	1st	5000m	12:51.2
09/05/08	Bruxelles Memorial Van Damme	1st	5000m	13:06.1
08/23/08	Beijing Olympic Games	2nd	5000m	13:02.8
09/02/07	Osaka IAAF World Championships	2nd	5000m	13:46.0
08/26/05	Bruxelles Memorial Van Damme	1st	5000m	12:50.2
09/03/04	Bruxelles Memorial Van Damme	1st	3000m	07:27.7
08/28/04	Athens Olympic Games	3rd	5000m	13:15.1
08/31/03	Paris-St-Denis IAAF World Championships	1st	5000m	12:52.8



## Sammy Kitwara

**Birthdate:** November 26, 1986

**Citizenship:** Kenya

**Residence:** Eldoret, Kenya

**Height:** 5'9"

**Weight:** 115 lbs.

**Coach:** Moses Kiptanui

**Agent:** Frans Denissen

**Sponsor:** Adidas

### Personal records

Marathon	2:05:16 (Chicago, 2013)
Half marathon	58:48 (Philadelphia, 2011)
10,000m	27:11 (Utrecht, 2010)

### Career overview

Sammy Kitwara nearly broke the Chicago course record in his 2012 debut, but his time only netted him fourth place in a historically fast competition where the first three finishers eclipsed the course mark. At the 2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, Kitwara joined the lead pack on a world record chase through the opening 10k, clocking 29:20. He stayed with the leaders through 35k before ultimately fading to third. He took third again in February at the Tokyo Marathon where he toed the line with fellow Chicago Marathon competitor, Dickson Chumba (Chumba won Tokyo and set a course record). Kitwara has yet to wear the laurel wreath, but he ranks high among the list of potential winners.

In 2011, he was runner-up at the Philadelphia Half Marathon with the fifth fastest 13.1-mile performance in history (58:48). Kitwara won the bronze medal at the 2010 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships in Nanning, China.

### Personal

Amazingly, Kitwara didn't take up competitive running until 2007 when he realized that his family needed additional financial assistance. Three years later, he was at a world-class level.

### Athlete quote

"I am coming back to Chicago for the third time. Chicago is a nice city and it has a good sports atmosphere. I will try to run the race of my life this year, and if God gives me the strength, my target is to run 2:04:28."

### 2014 Races

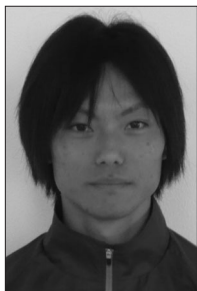
Date	Race	Place	Time
05/25/14	Abraham Rosa International 10-K	1st	28:31
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	3rd	2:06:30

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	3rd	2:06:30
10/13/13	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	2:05:16
04/14/13	Rotterdam Marathon	3rd	2:07:22
10/07/12	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	2:05:54
04/15/12	Rotterdam Marathon	DNF	

### Additional highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/16/10	IAAF World Half Marathon Championships	3rd	1:00:22



### Koji Kobayashi

**Birthdate:** January 16, 1989

**Citizenship:** Japan

**Residence:** Ota, Japan

**Height:** 5'7"

**Weight:** 119 lbs.

**Coach:** Wantaru Okutani

**Sponsor:** Subaru

### Personal records

Marathon	2:08:51
Half marathon	1:03:13 (Sendai, 2013)

### Career overview

The 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon was Koji Kobayashi's first experience racing internationally. His 2:10:40 performance gave him confidence that he could race on the global stage. Kobayashi comes to Chicago on the heels of a breakthrough performance at the 2014 Tokyo Marathon, where he ran 2:08:51, finishing 9<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> for Japan. His goal in Chicago is to kick it up a notch and take the pace out under 4:50 per mile.

Kobayashi runs 173 miles per week while training for a marathon with a peak mileage of 205. His longest run is 31 miles.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	9th	2:08:51

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	9th	2:08:51
09/29/13	BMW Berlin Marathon	8th	2:11:31
03/03/12	Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon	20th	2:14:11
10/07/12	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	14th	2:10:40
02/12/12	Nobeoka Marathon	4th	2:12:52



### Takaaki Koda

**Birthdate:** March 27, 1984

**Citizenship:** Japan

**Residence:** Nobeoka City, Japan

**Height:** 5'10"

**Weight:** 136 lbs.

**Coach:** Takeshi Soh and Masayuki Nishi

**Sponsor:** Asahi Kasei Corporation

### Personal records

Marathon	2:11:08 (Tokyo, 2011)
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### Career overview

Takaaki Koda has been a consistent marathon runner in the 2:11-2:13 range since he ran his debut in 2010. He finished this year's Beppu-Oita Marathon in 6th place and just missed setting a new PR by 14 seconds. His goal in Chicago is to finish in the top 8.

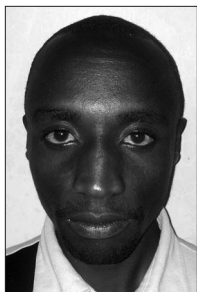
In peak training, Koda runs 186 miles/week with a 31-mile long run.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/17/14	Kyushu Jitsugyodan Track & Field Championships 10,000m	14th	29:52.11
02/02/14	Beppu-Oita Marathon	6th	2:11:21

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/02/14	Beppu-Oita Marathon	6th	2:11:21
02/26/12	Tokyo Marathon	16th	2:13:22
02/27/11	Tokyo Marathon	7th	2:11:08
02/28/10	Tokyo Marathon	8th	2:13:04



## Bernard Koech

**Birthdate:** January 31, 1988  
**Citizenship:** Kenya  
**Height:** 5'7"  
**Weight:** 108 lbs.  
**Residence:** Kaptagat, Kenya  
**Agent:** Michel Boeting  
**Coach:** Patrick Sang  
**Sponsor:** Adidas  
**Twitter:** @bernardkoech93

### Personal records

Marathon 2:04:53 (Dubai, 2013)  
 Half marathon 59:10\* (Lille, 2012)  
 \* Koech ran 58:41 (San Diego, 2013) on a record ineligible course

### Career overview

Bernard Koech started his professional career on the track in 2010, but moved to the roads in 2012 where he immediately made a splash in the marathon and half marathon. He ran the fifth fastest marathon debut in history during the 2013 Dubai Marathon, 2:04:53. Most recently, he finished second by over a minute to Eliud Kipchoge at the 2014 Rotterdam Marathon. His main battles in Rotterdam, aside from an unstoppable Kipchoge, were uneven pacing and windy conditions.

Chicago will be Koech's first World Marathon Majors performance. His marathon build-up includes a 26.2-mile long run and 111-124 miles per week.

### Personal

Koech's older brothers, Bethwel Birgen and Enock Koech, inspired his professional running career. His brothers both ran internationally.

### Athlete quote

"I am always racing to win a race. And in Chicago it won't be different. It will be my WMM debut and I know the opposition will be strong. A time faster than my personal best will be needed but we strive to be faster every day anyway."

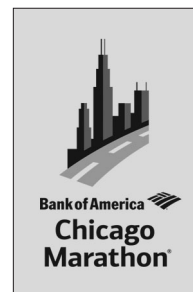
When asked if he had a specific goal in mind for Chicago, Koech said, "Win it!"

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/07/14	Tilburg 10 Miles Road		45:12
04/13/14	Rotterdam Marathon	2nd	2:06:08
02/14/14	Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon	4th	59:46

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/13/14	ABN AMRO Rotterdam Marathon	2nd	2:06:08
10/02/13	TCS Amsterdam Marathon	3rd	2:06:29
08/17/13	IAAF World Championships, Moscow	DNF	
01/25/13	Standard Chartered Dubai Marathon	5th	2:04:53



## Christo Landry

**Birthdate:** April 29, 1986  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Residence:** Bainbridge Island, WA  
**Height:** 6'1"  
**Weight:** 145 lbs.  
**Coach:** Alex Gibby  
**Agent:** Matt Lane  
**Sponsor:** Mizuno  
**Twitter:** @runchristo

### Personal records

Marathon 2:14:44 (St. Paul, 2013)  
 25K 1:14:18\*  
 10,000m 27:59.22 (Palo Alto, 2013)  
 \* American Record

### Career overview

Christo Landry has been one of the most prolific racers in 2014. He has covered ground on the grass, on the track and on the road. He is one of the hottest American runners on the scene right now, and he currently stands atop the USA Running Circuit (USARC) leaderboard. He grabbed the national spotlight in May after his 25K American Record performance, 1:14:18, at the Fifth Third River Bank Run. Prior to setting the American Record in the 25K, he ran the 4th fastest 10-mile time for an American on a record-eligible course (6th fastest overall). Most recently, he finished 2nd in the U.S. 20K Championships, getting beat to the line by a second.

Landry ran for his current coach, Alex Gibby, at William & Mary (he graduated in 2008). He was a three-time NCAA All-American in cross-country, as well as the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) "Athlete of the Year" and "Scholar-Athlete of the Year" in 2007.

Landry's goal for Chicago is to run sub 2:11. Given his incredible year of racing, he should smash his current PR (2:14:44). His marathon build-up includes 130-150 miles per week with a 32-mile long run. His hardest workout is 6, 5, 4, 3 miles on the track starting at marathon pace and dropping.

### Personal

Landry won his Kindergarten mile and became addicted to running; however, his road to the top this summer hasn't been without a few hurdles. He struggled with undiagnosed hip alignment issues that caused him to miss multiple years of training. When asked to name one thing about himself that might surprise running fans, he replied, "the volume of ice cream that disappears into me."

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/01/14	U.S. 20K Championships	2nd	1:01:27
07/26/14	Quad-City Times Bix 7-Mile	2nd	33:32
07/04/14	Atlanta Peachtree Road Race 10K	1st	28:25
05/10/14	Fifth Third River Bank Run 25K	2nd	1:14:18
05/04/14	Payton Jordan Invitational 10,000m	15th	28:20.98
04/18/14	Mt. SAC Relays 5000m	14th	13:39.71

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/06/14	Cherry Blossom 10-Mile	6th	46:41
03/15/14	Gate River Run 15-K	4th	43:59
02/15/14	U.S. Cross Country Championships 12-K	16th	38:07

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/06/13	Twin Cities Marathon	5th	2:14:44
11/10/12	Richmond Marathon	4th	2:17:11



### Craig Leon

**Birthdate:** November 8, 1984

**Citizenship:** United States

**Residence:** Eugene, OR

**Height:** 5'7"

**Weight:** 120 lbs.

**Coach:** Ian Dobson

**Agent:** Self

**Sponsor:** Mizuno

**Twitter:** @CLeonRun

### Personal records

Marathon	2:13:52 (Chicago, 2013)
Half marathon	1:04:01 (Duluth, 2013)
10,000m	29:49 (Penn Relays, 2011)
5,000m	14:23 (Kent, 2011)

### Career overview

Craig Leon continues to rise through the ranks of American distance running. He started his marathon career in 2010 with a win, and he has been on a roll ever since. His biggest breakthrough came at the 2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon where he ran under 2:14 for the first time in his career, stopping the clock at 2:13:52. Prior to Chicago, he finished in the top 10 at the 2013 Boston Marathon. Leon finished 26th in the 2012 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials, and he ran his first Chicago Marathon in 2012.

Leon is a member of Team Run Eugene and is coached by U.S. Olympian Ian Dobson. He runs between 120-130 miles per week with a peak training week of 150 miles. His longest run is 28 miles.

### Personal

Craig Leon was born in the rural town of Van Wert in northwest Ohio. He was just an average runner in high school and joined Ohio University's cross country and track and field programs as a walk-on. After steadily improving in college and excelling at the marathon distance beyond college, in 2011, Leon relocated from Ohio to Eugene, Oregon to pursue a professional running career.

At last year's Bank of America Chicago Marathon, Leon ran as part of CharityBets to raise money for Martin Richard, an eight year old victim of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. People were able to bet on his performance, and the better he ran, the more money he raised. He was able to raise more than \$6,500 for the Richard family.

Leon documents his journey as a professional runner on his website, [craigleonrunning.com](http://craigleonrunning.com)

### Athlete quote

"I'm thrilled to be returning to Chicago for a 3rd consecutive year. Having the opportunity to race in a city I love and being able to share my race day experiences with family and friends who live nearby always seems to bring out the best in me. I'm also excited to be competing with, and against, such an accomplished group of both International and American runners. Every time I toe the line for a marathon, I expect to run a personal best. And I know, given the outstanding field that Chicago has assembled, conditions will be ripe for some fast times. Come Oct. 12th, I hope to leave Chicago with

one of those fast times. As was the case in Boston this past Spring, I hope that we Americans can work together to elevate, not only ourselves, but our country and show that the United States can produce great results in these World Major Marathon competitions."

## 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/17/14	Falmouth Road Race 7-Mile	8th	34:04
07/04/14	Atlanta Peachtree Road Race 10K	15th	29:51
06/18/14	Hyde Park Blast 4-Mile	8th	15:10
05/03/14	Capital City Half-Marathon	1st	1:09:56
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	12th	2:14:28
04/06/14	Credit Union SacTown 10-Miler	3rd	49:19
03/15/14	Gate River Run 15K	15th	45:29
02/16/14	Austin Half-Marathon	2nd	1:05:44
01/19/14	Aramco Half-Marathon	27th	1:04:34

## Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	12th	2:14:28
10/13/13	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	14th	2:13:52
04/15/13	Boston Marathon	10th	2:14:38
01/05/13	Mississippi Blues Marathon	1st	2:16:48
10/07/12	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	20th	2:15:38
01/14/12	U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon, Houston	26th	2:15:42
10/03/10	Twin Cities Marathon	10th	2:18:28
05/02/10	Eugene Marathon	1st	2:23:15



## Feyisa Lilesa

**Birthdate:** February 1, 1990  
**Citizenship:** Ethiopia  
**Resides:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
**Height:** 6'0"  
**Weight:** 115 lbs.  
**Sponsor:** Nike

## 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 Bank of America 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 both finish strong with a top time and place and lose speed over the final miles before ultimately fading out of contention.

His most successful front-running tactic came at the 2012 Bank of America 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 has struggled to get back on the podium since his 2012 Chicago Marathon performance.

## 2014 races

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/13/14	Virgin Money London Marathon	9th	2:08:26
02/14/14	Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon	7th	59:51

## Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/13/14	Virgin Money London Marathon	9th	2:08:26
10/27/13	Frankfurt Marathon	DNF	
08/17/13	IAAF World Championships	DNF	
04/21/13	Virgin Money London Marathon	4th	2:07:46
10/07/12	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	2:04:52
04/22/12	Virgin London Marathon	10th	2:08:20
09/04/11	IAAF World Championships Marathon	3rd	2:10:32
04/10/11	Rotterdam Marathon	7th	2:11:42
10/10/10	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	2:08:10
04/11/10	Rotterdam Marathon	4th	2:05:23
01/02/10	Xiamen Marathon	1st	2:08:47
10/26/09	Dublin Marathon	1st	2:09:12

### Additional highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/20/11	IAAF World Cross Country Championships 12K	17th	35:13
03/28/10	IAAF World Cross Country Championships 12K	25th	34:27
03/28/09	IAAF World Cross Country Championships 12K	12th	35:22
03/30/08	IAAF Junior World Cross Country Championships 8K	14th	23:18



### Matthew Llano

**Birthdate:** August 1, 1988  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Height:** 5'8"  
**Weight:** 128 lbs.  
**Residence:** Flagstaff, AZ  
**Coach:** Ben Rosario  
**Twitter:** @mattllano

### Marathon debut

### Personal records

Half marathon	1:01:47 (Houston, 2014)
10,000m	28:43 (Palo Alto, 2011)

### Career overview

Matt Llano struggled with injuries and setbacks early on in his career, but hit his stride in 2013 with top 10 finishes at the U.S. 20K Championships and the U.S. National Road Racing Championships. He opened 2014 with a strong half marathon performance at the U.S. Half Marathon Championships. He crossed the line in 5<sup>th</sup> place in 1:01:47, setting personal bests en route for 15K, 10 miles and 20K; his performance in Houston qualified him for the 2014 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Chicago marks Llano's debut at the marathon distance. He has gone on the record saying he wants to run sub 2:10. Llano is keeping Ryan Hall's American Debut record, 2:08:24, at the forefront of his mind. During his build-up to Chicago, Llano logged 120-125 miles/week with a peak of 140.

### Personal

Last December, Llano became the first known professional runner to come out. Llano said, "I came out publicly as a gay professional runner (the first, to my knowledge) last December in an effort to live authentically with myself, and also to hopefully inspire change and acceptance with whomever my story reaches. We, as a running community, have a few notable straight allies, but there haven't been any openly gay professional runners at the forefront of the conversation. I hope to change that."

Llano will be exactly 26.2 years old, to the day (26 years and 73 days), on race morning.

### Athlete quote

"If you look at results from Chicago over the years, there is a rich history of strong debut marathons, which is a testament to the favorable weather conditions, immense crowd support and fast nature of the course. My goal is not only to add myself to the storied tradition of Chicago greatness, but also to debut under 2:10:00."

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/01/14	U.S. 20K Championships	7th	1:02:17
07/26/14	Quad-City Times Bix 7-Mile	10th	34:08

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/29/14	IAAF World Half-Marathon Championships	35th	1:02:25
03/15/14	Gate River Run 15K	5th	44:02
01/19/14	Aramco Half-Marathon	5th	1:01:47



## Mike Morgan

**Birthdate:** February 20, 1980

**Citizenship:** United States

**Residence:** Rochester Hills, MI

**Height:** 5'7"

**Weight:** 115 lbs.

**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 a three-time NCAA Division III All-American at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

## 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/04/14	Volkslaufe 20K	1st	1:03:32
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	13th	2:14:40
01/12/14	Walt Disney World Half-Marathon	1st	1:09:39

## Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	13th	2:14:40
10/13/13	Bank of America 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	Bank of America 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	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	15th	2:15:11





### Naoki Okamoto

**Birthdate:** May 26, 1984

**Citizenship:** Japan

**Residence:** Hiroshima, Japan

**Height:** 5'9"

**Weight:** 125 lbs.

**Coach:** Yasushi Sakaguchi

**Sponsor:** Chugoku Electric Power

### Personal records

Marathon 2:12:31 (Otsu, 2012)

### Career overview

Throughout his professional running career, Naoki Okamoto has never been on top of the podium, but he has been a consistent performer in distances ranging from 5000m to the marathon. He made his marathon debut in 2011 with a strong showing in 13th place at the Tokyo Marathon. The 2014 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will be his first race on U.S. soil. He is looking to slash more than two minutes off of his current personal best and run sub 2:10.

Okamoto runs between 124-155 miles per week with a long run of 27 miles.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/28/14	Hokuren Distance Challenge 5000m	6th	14:03.21
06/25/14	Hokuren Distance Challenge 10,000m	26th	29:09.02
06/08/14	Japanese Athletics Championships 5000m	25th	14:03.14
06/07/14	Japanese Athletics Championships 10,000m	27th	29:12.38
04/29/14	Oda Memorial 5000m	12th	13:51.34
04/20/14	Hyogo Relays 10,000m	14th	28:35.48
03/2/14	Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon	17th	2:14:08

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/02/14	Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon	17th	2:14:08
03/04/12	Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon	15th	2:12:31
012/4/11	Fukuoka Marathon	14th	2:18:14
02/27/11	Tokyo Marathon	13th	2:13:54



### Bayron Piedra Aviles

**Birthdate:** August 19, 1982

**Citizenship:** Ecuador

**Coach:** Rafael Martinez

### Personal records

Marathon 2:20:42 (Guayaquil, 2008)  
 10,000m 27:32 (Palo Alto, 2011)  
 5000m 13:23.72 (Ninove, 2012)

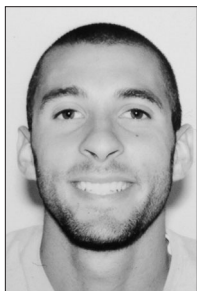
### Career overview

Bayron Piedra Aviles is one of the most decorated runners to hail from Ecuador. He is a five-time South American Championships gold medalist and a two-time Pan-Am Games silver medalist. A track specialist, he represented Ecuador in the 2004 Athens Olympic Games in the 800m, the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games in the 1500m and the 2012 London Olympic Games in the 10,000m. He advanced to the final in the 10,000m (his best showing yet), but failed to finish the race.

Piedra spent the summer on the track working on his speed. If he comes to Chicago in top shape, he could threaten Ecuador's national marathon record, 2:09:49, set in Chicago in 1997 by Silvio Guerra.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/03/14	Ibero American Championships 5000m	1st	13:05.20
08/01/14	Ibero American Championships 3000m	2nd	7:59.55
05/26/14	Bolder Boulder 10K	8th	30:10.3
03/16/14	South American Games 5000m	5th	15:15.49
03/13/14	South American Games 10,000m	1st	28:48.31



### Stephen Pifer

**Birthdate:** December 7, 1984  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Residence:** Boulder, CO  
**Height:** 6'1"  
**Weight:** 155 lbs.  
**Coach:** Steve Jones  
**Agent:** Chris Layne and Stephen Haas  
**Sponsor:** Newton Running  
**Twitter:** @StephenPifer

### Personal records

Marathon	2:18:19 (Chicago, 2012)
Half marathon	1:03:45 (St. Louis, 2014)
5000m	13:33 (Palo Alto, 2009)
1500m	3:38 (Eugene, 2009)

### Career overview

Before making his marathon debut in Chicago in 2012, Stephen Pifer, an Illinois native, was primarily known as a versatile and talented track runner. He qualified for his first U.S. Olympic Trials in the 1,500m in 2008 and his second in 2012. In 2009, he was one of only two Americans to crack the top 40 American rankings in the 800m, 1,500m, 3,000m and 5,000m. In 2014, he qualified for the US Olympic Marathon trials with his third place finish at the St. Louis Half Marathon.

Pifer hit the halfway mark of his Chicago debut a shade under 2:15 pace, but faded over the final 5K to finish in 2:18:19. He has spent the last two years increasing his presence on the roads and gaining experience in longer distances. During his training for the Chicago Marathon, he averaged 90-100 miles per week with a 21-mile long run. His goal is to hit the Olympic Trials Marathon "A" standard (2:15:00).

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/26/14	Quad City Times Bix 7-mile	4th	33:48
7/09/14	Pearl Street Mile	2nd	4:21
07/04/14	Atlanta Peachtree Road 10K	6th	29:10
04/05/14	Go! St. Louis Half Marathon	3rd	1:03:45
03/30/14	Carlsbad 5000	9th	13:55
03/15/14	Gate River Run 15K	9th	44:50
02/15/14	USA Cross Country Championships	20th	38:29
01/11/14	Lafayette Quicker Quaker 5K	3rd	15:25

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/07/12	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	23rd	2:18:19



### Gabe Proctor

**Birthdate:** April 29, 1990  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Residence:** Mammoth Lakes, CA  
**Height:** 5'7"  
**Coach:** Andrew Kastor  
**Agent:** Josh Cox  
**Sponsor:** Asics  
**Twitter:** @Gabe\_Proctor

### Personal records

Marathon	2:16:17 (Los Angeles, 2014)
Half marathon	1:01:40 (San Diego, 2014)

### Career overview

Gabe Proctor, 24, is one of the youngest American males competing in the marathon. The two-time NCAA Division II National Champion in the 5,000m and 10,000m did not start running until his senior year in high school after a coach from another school, Jeff Johnson, suggested he might have some talent. Because Proctor's high school did not have a track program, he competed independently in Vermont and almost immediately earned a running scholarship.

Following a successful college career, he moved to Mammoth Lakes, California and started training with the Mammoth Track Club under the direction of Andrew Kastor. In his debut marathon, Proctor clocked 2:16:17. Coming into the Chicago Marathon, he has run the 14th fastest American marathon time this year.

### Personal

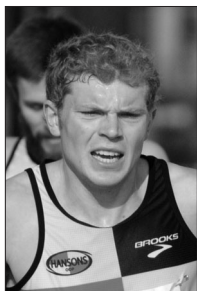
Proctor was born in Ethiopia and adopted at the age of 10 by an American family after his mother passed away and his father could no longer care for him and his two younger siblings (his two siblings were adopted with him). Prior to coming to America, he had never heard of Ethiopian world record holders Haile Gebrselassie and Kenenisa Bekele.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/01/14	San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon	8th	1:01:40
05/04/14	Bloomsday 12 km Road	12th	35:52
03/09/14	Los Angeles Marathon	6th	2:16:17
01/19/14	Houston Half Marathon	10th	1:02:22

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/09/14	Los Angeles Marathon	6th	2:16:17



## Jake Riley

**Birthdate:** November 2, 1988  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Residence:** Rochester Hills, MI  
**Height:** 5'11"  
**Coach:** Keith and Kevin Hanson  
**Sponsor:** Brooks  
**Twitter:** @JakeBillRiley

### Marathon debut

### Personal records

Half marathon 1:02:56 (New York, 2014)  
 10,000m 28:08.36 (Eugene 2012)

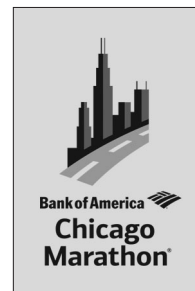
### Career overview

As the winner of the 2014 Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle, Jake Riley is familiar with the fast streets of Chicago and the enthusiastic fans lining them. Riley graduated from Stanford in 2011 as a two-time Academic All-American and eight-time All-American. He finished as high as third in the NCAA Division I National Championships 10,000m. He continued his focus on the track after graduating and qualified for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials in both the 5000m and 10,000m.

2014 has been a year of transition. Riley ran strong for 11th place in his debut half marathon in New York.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/04/14	Atlanta Peachtree Road Race 10K	5th	29:07.0
05/31/14	Guelph Speed River Inferno 5000m	2nd	13:49.3
05/04/14	Palo Alto Payton Jordan Cardinal Invitational 10,000m	19th	28:32.59
03/30/14	Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K	1st	23:06:00
03/16/14	New York Half Marathon	11th	1:02:56



## Patrick Rizzo

**Birthdate:** July 25, 1983  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Resides:** Boulder, CO  
**Height:** 5'9"  
**Weight:** 130 lbs.  
**Coach:** Brad Hudson  
**Agent:** Brendan Reilly  
**Sponsor:** Mizuno  
**Twitter:** @RunPRizzo

### Personal records

Marathon 2:13:42 (Houston, 2012)  
 Half marathon 1:04:20 (Duluth, 2012)

### Career overview

Rizzo is a Chicago-area native who was a star runner at Schaumburg High School and an NCAA All-American at North Central College in Naperville. He spent five years as a member of the Hansons-Brooks Distance Project in Michigan before relocating to Boulder, Colorado, and joining a group of athletes coached by Brad Hudson.

Rizzo has been a steady marathon performer, gradually improving his time from 2:20:12 in his debut at the 2006 Chicago Marathon to 2:13:42 at the U.S. Olympic Trials in 2012. He represented Team USA at the 2011 Pan American Games Marathon, finishing as the top American in eighth place.

### Personal

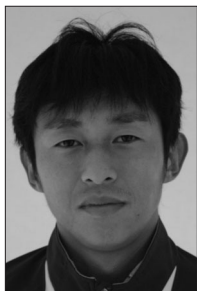
Rizzo is partially deaf, suffering permanent damage to his hearing in 1999 due to an allergic reaction.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/01/14	New Haven US 20 km Championships	23rd	1:06:50
07/04/14	Atlanta Peachtree Road Race	19th	30:10
04/06/14	Brighton Marathon	9th	2:26:49
02/23/14	Tampa Half Marathon	11th	1:09:45
01/19/14	Houston Marathon	11th	2:15:53

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/06/14	Brighton Marathon	9th	2:26:49
01/19/14	Houston Marathon	11th	2:15:53
10/06/13	Twin Cities Marathon	17th	2:20:08
04/21/13	London Marathon	12th	2:16:05
01/14/12	U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon	13th	2:13:42
10/30/11	Pan American Games Marathon	8th	2:21:58
10/10/10	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	13th	2:16:12
10/11/09	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	10th	2:15:48
04/20/09	Boston Marathon	15 <sup>th</sup>	2:17:05
11/03/07	U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon	26 <sup>th</sup>	2:18:30
10/22/06	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	35 <sup>th</sup>	2:20:12



### Satoru Sasaki

**Birthdate:** October 16, 1985  
**Citizenship:** Japan  
**Residence:** Miyazaki, Japan  
**Height:** 5'7"  
**Weight:** 125 lbs.  
**Coach:** Masayuki Nishi  
**Sponsor:** Asahi Kasei Corp.

### Personal records

Marathon	2:09:47 (Otsu, 2014)
Half marathon	1:02:55 (Yamaguchi, 2010)
10,000m	28:32.30 (Kitakyushu, 2010)

### Career overview

Satoru Sasaki arrives in Chicago after a breakthrough performance at the 2014 Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon where he took almost two minutes off of his personal best, finishing second in 2:09:47. He hopes the momentum he gained from posting a new PR will lead to a 2:08 performance in Chicago. October 12 will be Sasaki's first time racing a marathon in the U.S.

Sasaki runs 124 miles per week and up to 186 miles per week during peak training. Like many Japanese runners, he includes a 31-mile long run during his marathon build-up.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/31/14	Sayagatani Time Trials 5000m	4th	13:58.96
05/17/14	Kyushu Jitsugyodan Track & Field Championships 10,000m	15th	29:06.73
03/02/14	Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon	2nd	2:09:47
02/09/14	Karatsu 10-Miler	2nd	47:22

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/02/14	Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon	2nd	2:09:47
12/01/13	Fukuoka Marathon	9th	2:13:12
02/24/12	Tokyo Marathon	16th	2:11:28
03/06/11	Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon	14th	2:12:42
02/07/10	Beppu Oita Marathon	20th	2:19:23
03/01/09	Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon	7th	2:14:00



### Tadese Tola

**Birthdate:** October 31, 1987  
**Citizenship:** Ethiopia  
**Agent:** Hussein Makke  
**Sponsor:** Nike

### Personal records

Marathon	2:04:49 (Dubai, 2013)
Half marathon	59:49 (UAE, 2010)
10,000m	27:04.89 (Belgium, 2007)

### Career overview

Tadese Tola made his marathon debut at the 2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. After flying through the first half on 2:04:40 pace, he quickly lost steam over the second half and made it home in 2:15:48, his slowest time to date. Tola clearly learned from that experience- he redeemed himself in Paris six months later by taking seven minutes off of his debut time. Tola had his busiest – and most successful season – in 2013. He raced four marathons and set a new personal best in Dubai, 2:04:49. Tola returns to Chicago five years later as one of the fastest and most consistent marathon runners on the road.

### 2014 Races

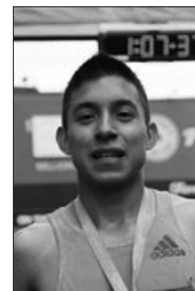
Date	Race	Place	Time
04/13/14	Warszawa Marathon	1st	2:06:55
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	2nd	2:05:57

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/13/14	Warszawa Marathon	1st	2:06:55
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	2nd	2:05:57
10/20/13	Beijing International Marathon	1st	2:07:16
08/17/13	Moskva IAAF World Championships	3rd	2:10:23
04/07/13	Paris Marathon	2nd	2:06:33
01/25/13	Dubai Standard Chartered Marathon	3rd	2:04:49
10/14/12	Eindhoven Marathon	4th	2:08:01
01/27/12	Dubai Standard Chartered Marathon	5th	2:05:10
10/09/11	Eindhoven Marathon	4th	2:07:13
10/31/10	Frankfurt Marathon	2nd	2:06:31
04/11/10	Paris Marathon	1st	2:06:41
10/11/09	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	9th	2:15:48

### Additional highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/17/13	Moskva IAAF World Championships Marathon	3rd	2:10:23
08/27/07	Osaka IAAF World Championships 10,000m	13th	28:51.7
07/19/07	Algiers All-African Games 10,000m	2nd	27:28.1
08/13/06	Bambous African Championships 10,000m	5th	28:15.2
03/28/08	Amman IAAF World Cross Country Championships	17th	35:52:00
03/24/07	Mombasa IAAF World Cross Country Championships	7th	37:04:00
10/08/06	Debrecen IAAF World Road Running Championships 20K	7th	57:27:00



### Carlos Trujillo

**Birthdate:** July 17, 1985

**Citizenship:** United States

**Resides:** Boulder, CO

**Height:** 5'7"

**Weight:** 125 lbs.

**Coach:** Brad Hudson

**Agent:** Caroline Bierbaum LeFrak

### Personal records

Marathon	2:14:21 (Chicago, 2013)
Half marathon	1:03:19 (Duluth, 2013)
10,000m	28:15.94 (Palo Alto, 2012)

### Career overview

Trujillo ran for the University of Oregon where he was the 2008 PAC 10 champion in the 10,000m. He qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon with a victory at the Rock 'n' Roll Seattle Half Marathon in 2011. He struggled in his marathon debut at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials, but redeemed himself in Chicago in 2013 with an 18th place finish in 2:14:21.

### Personal

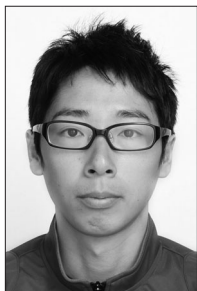
Trujillo hails from Middleton, Idaho, where he and his twin brother Esteban were both standout runners. Upon arriving at the University of Oregon, the brothers were initially not allowed to walk on to the team. They joined a local running club instead, and when Vin Lananna assumed coaching duties the following year, he accepted them onto the team at the recommendation of their running club coach.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/17/14	San Diego America's Finest City Half Marathon	5th	1:06:11
07/13/14	Missoula Half Marathon	1st	1:06:22
05/04/14	Palo Alto Payton Jordan Cardinal Invitational	14th	29:03.5
04/06/14	St. Louis Half Marathon	7th	1:05:39
03/09/14	Phoenix Mountain to Fountain 15K	4th	46:39
02/23/14	Tampa Half Marathon	8th	1:08:03

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
12/01/13	Fukuoka Marathon	14th	2:17:48
08/17/13	Moskva IAAF World Championships	37th	2:23:13
04/15/13	Boston Marathon	19th	2:19:24
10/07/12	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	18th	2:14:21
01/14/12	U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon	58th	2:20:56



### Rui Yonezawa

**Birthdate:** October 19, 1987

**Citizenship:** Japan

**Residence:** Hiroshima, Japan

**Height:** 5'6"

**Weight:** 114 lbs.

**Coach:** Yasushi Sakaguchi

**Sponsor:** Chugoku Electric Power

### Personal records

Marathon	2:11:59 (Otsu, 2014)
Half marathon	1:02:41 (Yamaguchi, 2012)

### Career overview

Rui Yonezawa had a solid debut marathon in March, finishing sixth in 2:11:59. His goal in Chicago is to run sub 2:10.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/20/14	Shibetsu Half-Marathon	20th	1:06:41
06/28/14	Hokuren Distance Challenge/race B 5000m	1st	14:06.89
06/25/14	Hokuren Distance Challenge/race B 10,000m	14th	29:12.87
05/17/14	Hiroshima 10,000m	6th	28:53.49
04/29/14	Oda Memorial 5000m	17th	14:08.89
03/02/14	Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon	6th	2:11:59

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/02/14	Lake Biwa Mainichi Marathon	6th	2:11:59



### Tim Young

**Birthdate:** March 22, 1987

**Citizenship:** United States

**Residence:** Fredericksburg, VA

**Height:** 5'10"

**Weight:** 133 lbs.

**Coach:** Luke Humphrey

**Agent:** Chris Mengel

### Personal records

Marathon	2:15:14 (Houston, 2014)
Half marathon	1:04:09 (Duluth, 2014)

### Career overview

Tim Young has struggled with minor setbacks on and off throughout his career, but 2014 is proving to be a special year so far. Young has set PRs in both the half marathon and marathon. In January, he took almost four minutes off of his personal best. Young is a three-time winner and course record holder of the Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon in Washington, D.C. In 2011, he set a new half marathon course record at the Disney Half Marathon.

Young is a former member of the Hansons-Brooks team, and he is currently coached by Hansons runner Luke Humphrey.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/21/14	Duluth Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon	2nd	1:04:09
04/06/14	Washington Cherry Blossom	14th	47:45
01/19/14	Houston Marathon	10th	2:15:14

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
01/19/14	Houston Marathon	10th	2:15:14
04/16/12	Boston Marathon	DNF	
01/14/12	Houston U.S. Olympic Team Trials Marathon	DNF	
10/10/10	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	16th	2:19:01
11/14/09	Richmond SunTrust Marathon	3rd	2:25:19

## Women's biographies



### Atsede Baysa

**Birthdate:** April 16, 1987

**Citizenship:** Ethiopia

**Residence:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Height:** 5'3"

**Weight:** 95 lbs.

**Coach:** Getaneh Tessema

**Agent:** Valentijn Trouw

**Sponsor:** Nike

### Personal records

Marathon	2:22:03 (Chicago, 2012)
Half marathon	1:07:34 (Barcelona, 2013)

### Career overview

Atsede Baysa has run more career marathons (23) than most professional women will ever run. She started her career in 2006 with a 2:39:31. She remained a strong performer her first few years of racing, but really grew into an overnight sensation after her 2009 Paris win in 2:24:42, and her subsequent Paris win in 2010 in 2:22:04. In 2012, Baysa gained more attention after winning a thrilling duel over defending champion Rita Jeptoo as the pair raced down the final stretch on Columbus Drive in Chicago. She prevailed by one second in 2:22:03, which was also the same margin by which she set a new personal best.

Baysa struggled in the 2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, but she remains one of the most consistent marathoners in the world; she has won six marathons and finished in the top 10 in 20 of her 23 finishes.

### 2014 Races

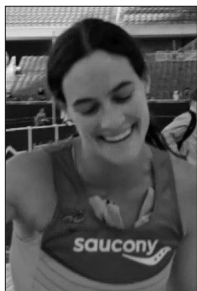
Date	Race	Place	Time
06/01/14	Lanzhou Marathon	2nd	2:37:55
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	12th	2:35:03

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/01/14	Lanzhou Marathon	2nd	2:37:55
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	12th	2:35:03
10/13/13	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	5th	2:26:42
04/21/13	Virgin London Marathon	4th	2:25:14
10/07/12	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	2:22:03
04/22/12	Virgin London Marathon	9th	2:25:59
08/27/11	IAAF World Championships Marathon, Daegu	14th	2:31:37
04/17/11	Virgin London Marathon	5th	2:23:49
01/21/11	Dubai Marathon	5th	2:25:08
10/10/10	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	2:23:40

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/11/10	Paris Marathon	1st	2:22:04
01/03/10	Xiamen Marathon	1st	2:28:53
10/25/09	Frankfurt Marathon	7th	2:32:05
08/23/09	IAAF World Championships Marathon, Berlin	27th	2:36:04
04/05/09	Paris Marathon	1st	2:24:42
01/16/09	Dubai Marathon	9th	2:29:13
09/28/08	Toronto Waterfront Marathon	5th	2:35:56
03/16/08	Rome Marathon	5th	2:33:07
10/28/07	Istanbul Eurasia Marathon	1st	2:29:08
04/15/07	Rotterdam Marathon	4th	2:33:54
11/19/06	Tokyo Women's Marathon	8th	2:37:48
06/11/06	Addis Ababa Marathon	1st	2:48:08
04/16/06	Nagano Olympic Commemorative Marathon	5th	2:39:31





## Whitney Bevins-Lazzara

**Birthdate:** June 4, 1981  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Residence:** Boulder, CO  
**Height:** 5'7"  
**Weight:** 112 lbs.  
**Coach:** Brad Hudson  
**Agent:** Bob Gordon  
**Twitter:** @wblazzara

### Personal records

Marathon 2:41:19 (Twin Cities, 2013)  
 Half marathon 1:17:01 (Indianapolis, 2014)

### Career overview

Whitney Bevins-Lazzara has only run two career marathons, but her future at the marathon distance looks bright. Over the course of 11 months she was able to take four minutes off of her debut marathon time. Her 2:41:19 showing in Twin Cities was good enough to earn her the U.S. Olympic Trials "B" standard, but she is coming to Chicago with the objective of breaking 2:37:00 and earning the Olympic Trials "A" standard. She has been training in Boulder, CO with Brad Hudson and logging 115-125 miles/week.

Bevins-Lazzara's father sparked her love of running when she was just eight years old. She was a member of the 1998 state cross-country championship team as a senior at Westfield High School in Indiana. She went on to run at Indiana University.

### Personal

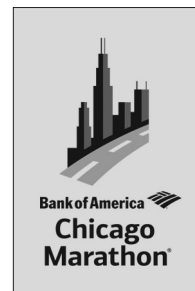
Bevins-Lazzara served in the Peace Corps in Kiribati, an island nation in the central tropical Pacific Ocean.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/17/14	America's Finest City Half-Marathon	10th	1:20:58
06/07/14	Indianapolis Half-Marathon		1:19:59
05/03/14	One America 500 Mini-Marathon	6th	1:17:01
03/22/14	Papa John's 10-Miler	5th	59:29
03/15/14	Great North Run 10K		36:01

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/06/13	Twin Cities Marathon	14th	2:41:19
11/04/12	Indianapolis Marathon	1st	2:45:24



## Sarah Crouch

**Birthdate:** August 22, 1989  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Residence:** South Lake Tahoe, CA  
**Height:** 5'4"  
**Weight:** 105 lbs.  
**Coach:** Pete Rea  
**Sponsor:** Reebok/Zap Fitness  
**Twitter:** @sarahcrouch89

### Personal records

Marathon 2:44:25 (New York, 2011)  
 Half marathon 1:12:10 (Duluth, 2014)

### Career overview

Sarah Crouch, a 13-time All-American at Western Washington University and a 2011 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 5th at the U.S. 10 Mile Championships. In 2011, she made her marathon debut in New York and qualified the 2012 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 turned heads with her highest finish at a U.S. Championship when she placed 3rd at the Cherry Blossom 10 Mile. Her time of 54:15 was faster than the American Record.

Crouch has been running between 120-135 miles/week with a long run of 32 miles to prepare for Chicago.

### Personal

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

### Athlete quote

"Chicago is on most marathoner's bucket list because of the unique experience of the 26.2 mile tour of the city and the boisterous crowd support as well as the notoriously fast course and often, mild weather. As an elite runner, I am attracted to the potential for fast times and good competition. Chicago has it all!"

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/04/14	Atlanta Peachtree Road Race 10K	14th	33:30
06/21/14	Garry Bjorklund Half-Marathon	5th	1:12:10
05/26/14	Bolder Boulder 10K	1st	35:11
02/16/14	U-T California 10-Miler	3rd	58:05

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
11/06/11	TCS New York City Marathon	22nd	2:45:25





## Sarah Cummings

**Birthdate:** January 3, 1989  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Residence:** New York City, NY  
**Height:** 5'3"  
**Weight:** 105 lbs.  
**Coach:** Terry Shea  
**Twitter:** @sarahcummings

## Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	22nd	2:34:57
10/06/13	Twin Cities Marathon	10th	2:39:28
11/18/12	Philadelphia Marathon	7th	2:43:03

## Personal records

Marathon	2:34:57 (Boston, 2014)
Half marathon	1:14:10 (New York, 2014)

## Career overview

Sarah Cummings finished 10th at the USA Marathon Championships with a personal best time of 2:39:28 which gave her the "B" standard for the 2016 Olympic Marathon Trials. This spring she finished as the 22nd woman overall and 7th American in the Boston Marathon with a time of 2:34:57, good for the Olympic Trials "A" standard.

Cummings balances her professional running career with a demanding job at Goldman Sachs. It is not unusual for her to start her day at 4:30 a.m. so that she can finish her training and get to her desk before 7 a.m.

In 2011, she graduated magna cum laude from Princeton as a four-time Ivy League Champion. She also received the the Otto von Kienbusch award, which is given to the top female athlete at the university.

## Personal

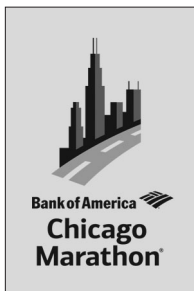
Cummings had brain surgery to correct a Type-1 Chiari malformation. She was a competitive figure skater for 12 years.

## Athlete quote

"On race day, I want to run my best, would love to PR and be competitive amongst the American women."

## 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/02/14	NYRR Team Championships 5-Mile	2nd	27:45
07/11/14	Belmar 5-Mile Run	1st	27:45
05/24/14	Spring Lake 5-Mile	1st	28:04
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	22nd	2:34:57
04/05/14	NYRR Scotland Run 10-K	2nd	34:45
03/16/14	New York City Half-Marathon	13th	1:14:10



## Birhane Dibaba

**Birthdate:** September 11, 1993  
**Citizenship:** Ethiopia  
**Resides:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
**Agent:** Federico Rosa  
**Sponsor:** Nike

### Personal records

Marathon 2:22:30 (Tokyo, 2014)  
 Half marathon 1:09:34 (San Diego, 2014)

### Career overview

Birhane Dibaba is having a banner year. At the Tokyo Marathon she became the youngest female runner ever to score points in the World Marathon Majors. She was 20 years, 165 days when she finished second (just seven seconds shy of first place). In June, Dibaba stole the show at the 2014 Suja Rock 'n' Roll San Diego Half Marathon when she outsprinted Bank of America Chicago Marathon and Boston Marathon defending champion Rita Jeptoo with 50 meters to go, winning in 1:09:34.

Although Dibaba is the youngest competitor in the elite field, she has run six marathons and finished in the top four in all of them. She ran her first marathon at age 18, and she has finished her last three marathons in 2:23 or faster.

### Athlete quote

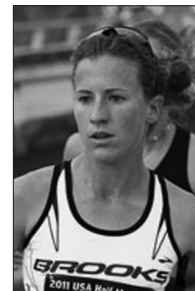
"Running the Chicago Marathon has been my dream since I started running, and it will be my first big race. My goal is to win and run 2 hours 20 minutes or faster."

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/01/14	Suja Rock 'n' Roll Half-Marathon	1st	1:09:34
05/03/14	Okpeke Road Race 10km	3rd	32:59
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	2nd	2:22:30

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	2nd	2:22:30
10/27/13	BMW Frankfurt Marathon	3rd	2:23:01
03/10/13	Nagoya International Ladies Marathon	2nd	2:23:51
11/18/12	Maratón Divina Pastora Valencia	1st	2:29:22
06/17/12	Sao Paolo Marathon	2nd	2:34:58
03/25/12	Barcelona Marathon	4th	2:33:07



## Amy Hastings

**Birthdate:** January 21, 1984  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Resides:** Providence, RI  
**Height:** 5'4"  
**Weight:** 100 lbs.  
**Coach:** Ray Treacy  
**Agent:** Ray Flynn  
**Sponsor:** Brooks  
**Twitter:** @hastyhastings

### Personal records

Marathon 2:27:03 (Los Angeles, 2012)  
 Half marathon 1:11:19 (Houston, 2010)  
 10,000m 31:10.69 (London, 2012)

### Career overview

Amy Hastings leads a talented field of American women at the 2014 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Hastings, the ninth fastest American woman over the marathon distance and the fifth fastest over 10,000m, made her marathon debut in 2011 in convincing fashion, finishing second in the Los Angeles Marathon in 2:27:03 (while also beating fellow Chicago Marathon competitor, Mare Dibaba, to the line).

Hastings is often remembered for her heartbreaking fourth-place finish at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials (her time remains the fourth fastest time ever at an Olympic Marathon Trials). After failing to make the marathon team, she returned to the track in the 10,000m and won the trials, making her first Olympic team. She finished 11th in London en route to a new personal best, 31:10.69.

Hastings struggled at the 2013 TCS New York City Marathon, but her summer on the roads has seen her pick up first place at the Peachtree Road Race and second place at the U.S. 20K Championships.

Hastings was a 10-time NCAA All-American in cross-country and track and the 2006 NCAA indoor 5000-meter champion while at Arizona State University. One of her teammates was top U.S. marathoner Desiree Linden.

### Athlete quote

"I can't wait to be racing through the streets of Chicago. As a notoriously fast course I am out there to run a PR and compete with some of the world's best until the very end."

### 2014 races

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/01/14	U.S. 20-K Champs	2nd	1:08:54
07/26/14	Quad-City Times Bix 7-Mile	7th	38:27
07/04/14	Atlanta Peachtree Road Race 10K	1st	32:16
06/26/14	USATF Championships 10,000m	3rd	32:18.81
06/14/14	Oakley Mini 10K	6th	32:33
06/05/14	Adrian Martinez Classic 5000m	1st	15:25.94
05/24/14	Westfield Flat 5K	2nd	15:19.6

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/19/14	B.A.A. 5K	10th	15:45
03/15/14	Gate River Run 15K	19th	51:57

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
11/03/13	TCS New York City Marathon	19th	2:42:50
12/14/12	U.S. Olympic Trials	4th	2:27:17
03/20/11	Los Angeles Marathon	2nd	2:27:03

### Additional highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/11/13	Moskva IAAF World Championships 10,000m	14th	32:51.2
08/03/12	London Olympic Games 10,000m	11th	31:10.69
09/02/11	Daegu IAAF World Championships 5000m	14th	15:56.1
08/30/11	Daegu IAAF World Championships 5000m	6th	15:29.5
03/28/10	Bydgoszcz IAAF World Cross Country Championships	25th	26:20:00
10/11/09	Birmingham IAAF World Half Marathon Championships	32nd	1:13:20



### Rita Jeptoo

**Birthdate:** February 15, 1981

**Citizenship:** Kenya

**Resides:** Kapsabet, Kenya

**Height:** 5'8"

**Agent:** Federico Rosa

**Sponsor:** Nike

### Personal records

Marathon	2:18:57 (Boston, 2014)
Half marathon	1:06:27 (Ras al Khaimah, 2013)

### Career overview

At the 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, Rita Jeptoo was on the losing end of a sprint finish with Ethiopia's Atsede Baysa, getting edged at the line by a single second (her time was still a personal best by more than a minute). She hasn't lost a marathon since then. In her last three World Marathon Majors competitions in Boston (twice) and Chicago, she has taken the laurel wreath and left her competitors in the background.

At the 2013 Chicago Marathon and the 2014 Boston Marathon she broke 2:20. In Boston, she smashed the course record by almost two minutes to run 2:18:57. If Jeptoo turns in another sub 2:20 performance on race day, she will be just the third woman in history to run three career sub 2:20s. Paula Radcliffe (GBR) and Catherine Ndereba (KEN) are the only two women to accomplish such a feat. Jeptoo also stands atop the current World Marathon Majors leaderboard.

After taking a break from competition for maternity leave in 2009 and 2010, she has returned with authority over the past four seasons. The 2014 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will be her 19th career marathon.

### Personal

Jeptoo's running career began in Italy and she continues to spend much of her free time there because of her interest in fashion. Jeptoo also enjoys knitting clothes for her husband, Noah Busienei, a 1500m runner in the Kenyan Armed Forces.

### 2014 Races

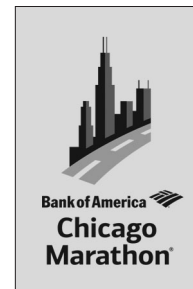
Date	Race	Place	Time
07/27/14	Media Maraton Internacional Bogota Half-Marathon	1st	1:13:39
06/01/14	Suja Rock 'n' Roll Half-Marathon	2nd	1:09:37
05/18/14	Corrida de Mulher 5km	1st	16:22
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	1st	2:18:57
02/14/14	Ras al Khaimah Half-Marathon	5th	1:08:49
01/26/14	Discovery Kenya Cross Country, 6km	3rd	20:19.5

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	1st	2:18:57
10/13/13	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	2:19:57
04/15/13	Boston Marathon	1st	2:26:25
10/07/12	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	2:22:04
04/16/12	Boston Marathon	6th	2:35:53
11/20/11	Eldoret Marathon	1st	2:36:15
10/30/11	Frankfurt Marathon	5th	2:25:44
04/10/11	Rotterdam Marathon	5th	2:28:09
11/02/08	ING New York City Marathon	4th	2:27:49
04/21/08	Boston Marathon	3rd	2:26:34
09/02/07	IAAF World Championships Marathon, Osaka	7th	2:32:03
04/16/07	Boston Marathon	4th	2:33:08
11/05/06	ING New York City Marathon	4th	2:26:59
04/17/06	Boston Marathon	1st	2:23:38
08/14/05	IAAF World Championships Marathon, Helsinki	7th	2:24:22
04/17/05	Turin Marathon	3rd	2:31:50
11/28/04	Milan City Marathon	1st	2:28:11
06/05/04	Stockholm Marathon	1st	2:35:14

### Additional highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/08/06	IAAF World Road Running Championships 20K, Debrecen	3rd	1:03:47



### Lauren Jimison

**Birthdate:** July 12, 1990  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Resides:** Mammoth Lakes, CA  
**Height:** 5' 5"  
**Coach:** Andrew Kastor  
**Agent:** Josh Cox  
**Sponsor:** Asics  
**Twitter:** @LaurenLoveRun

### Personal records

Marathon	2:35:17 (Duluth, 2014)
Half marathon	1:14:49 (New York, 2014)

### Career overview

Lauren Jimison is a relative newcomer to the professional running scene. She made her marathon debut in June at Grandma's Marathon and finished an impressive 4th in 2:35:17. Earlier in the year, she made her half marathon debut in New York, finishing 15th in 1:14:49 among a competitive field. The longest Jimison had run prior to 2014 was 25km on the road.

Jimison was a stand out runner at Azusa Pacific University. She graduated as an 11-time All-American and five-time individual National Champion in the 5000m and 10,000m.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/21/14	Duluth Grandma's Marathon	4th	2:35:17
05/10/14	Grand Rapids Fifth Third River Bank Run	6th	1:28:16
03/16/14	New York Half Marathon	15th	1:14:49

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/21/14	Duluth Grandma's Marathon	4th	2:35:17



## Florence Kiplagat

**Birthdate:** February 27, 1987

**Citizenship:** Kenya

**Agent:** Valentijn Trouw

**Sponsor:** Nike

### Personal records

Marathon	2:19:44 (Berlin 2011)
Half marathon	1:05:12* (Barcelona, 2014)
10,000m	30:11.53 (Utrecht, 2009)
	<i>*World Record</i>

### Career overview

Florence Kiplagat is the 2010 IAAF World Half Marathon champion, the 2011 and 2013 Berlin Marathon champion and the current World Record hold in the half-marathon. She pulled out of the 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon with an injury, and she has made no secret that she is coming to Chicago to better her 2:19:44 personal best from the 2011 Berlin Marathon.

Following her stunning half marathon World Record, she finished second in the Virgin Money London Marathon in a swift 2:20:24, losing by three seconds to Edna Kiplagat. This summer she returned to her roots on the track and won a silver medal in the 10,000m at the Commonwealth Games; she took second in an exciting photo finish with Joyce Chepkirui. Chepkirui ran 32:09.35 to Kiplagat's 32:09.48.

### Personal

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

### Athlete quote

"I was supposed to compete in the Chicago Marathon two years ago but was out due to injury but I am happy now to be part of the competition for my fans and supporters. It is no retreat and no surrender for me; it's a do or die game, and I will give all my best to succeed and make the 12th of October a great day!"

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/29/14	Commonwealth Games 10,000m	2nd	32:09.48
06/17/14	Golden Spike, One Hour Track run	DNF	
04/13/14	Virgin Money London Marathon	2nd	2:20:24
02/16/14	Barcelona Half-Marathon	1st	1:05:12
01/11/14	Kenyan Police Cross Country Championships, 8km	1st	27:44

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/13/14	Virgin Money London Marathon	2nd	2:20:24
09/29/13	BMW Berlin Marathon	1st	2:21:13
04/31/13	Virgin London Marathon	6th	2:27:05
04/22/12	Virgin London Marathon	4th	2:20:57
09/25/11	BMW Berlin Marathon	1st	2:19:44
04/18/11	Boston Marathon	DNF	

### Additional highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/16/10	Nanning IAAF World Half Marathon Championships	1st	1:08:24
03/28/09	Amman IAAF World Cross Country Championships	1st	26:13:00
03/24/07	Mombasa IAAF World Cross Country Championships	5th	27:26:00
8/15/06	Beijing IAAF World Junior Championships 5000m	2nd	15:32.3



### Clara Santucci

**Birthdate:** March 24, 1987  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Residence:** Morgantown, WV  
**Coach:** Sean Cleary  
**Agent:** Isaya Okwiya  
**Sponsor:** Saucony

### Personal records

Marathon	2:29:54 (Boston, 2011)
Half marathon	1:12:22 (Copenhagen, 2014)
10,000m	33:16.96 (Palo Alto, 2009)
5,000m	16:04.24 (New York, 2010)

### Career overview

Santucci surprised a lot of people by breaking 2:30 and finishing as the third American in her marathon debut at Boston in 2011. She followed that up with a solid showing at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon, placing seventh in a time just off her personal best.

Now people expect strong performances from Santucci, and she never fails to deliver. Although she has yet to get back under 2:30, she has consistently finished in the top 10 in her last four marathons. Following the IAAF World Half-Marathon Championships this year, she won the Pittsburgh Marathon. In her build-up to Chicago, she has logged 115-125 miles/week with a 24-mile long run.

Santucci was an All-American cross country runner at West Virginia University and twice a top-10 finisher in the NCAA 10,000m.

### Personal

Santucci grew up in rural West Virginia with five brothers and sisters in a house with no TV. She attributes her success as a runner to an active childhood biking on dirt roads, hiking to the tops of nearby hills and swimming in creeks.

### Athlete quote

"I'm running Chicago because of the competition, the supportive crowds and the flat course are all elements for a quick time, which is my focus. I ran it last year and love the city."

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/1/14	U.S. 20-K Champs	6th	1:12:34
07/26/14	Quad City Times Bix 7-Mile	9th	38:43
05/04/14	Pittsburgh Marathon	1st	2:32:35
03/29/14	IAAF World Half-Marathon Championships	34th	1:12:22
01/13/14	Aramco Half-Marathon	5th	1:12:58

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
05/04/14	Pittsburgh Marathon	1st	2:32:35
10/13/13	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	9th	2:31:39
05/26/13	Ottawa Marathon	9th	2:33:25
01/14/12	U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon, Houston	7th	2:30:46
04/18/11	Boston Marathon	16th	2:29:54



## Jemima Jelagat Sumgong

**Birthdate:** December 21, 1984

**Citizenship:** Kenya

**Coach:** Claudio Beradelli

**Agent:** Federico Rosa

**Sponsor:** Nike

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/01/08	Rock 'n' Roll San Diego Marathon	2nd	2:30:18
10/28/07	Frankfurt Marathon	4th	2:29:41
12/10/06	Las Vegas Marathon	1st	2:35:22

### Personal records

Marathon	2:20:41 (Boston, 2014)
Half marathon	1:08:35 (Verbania, 2012)

### Career overview

Jemima Sumgong has been competing on the roads internationally since 2004, but her biggest career performances have come much later, beginning with her win at the 2013 Rotterdam Marathon. She took five minutes off of her personal best in Rotterdam to run 2:23:27. She carried her momentum from Rotterdam into Chicago and finished less than a minute behind her training partner, Rita Jeptoo. She also slashed nearly three minutes from her PR to finish in 2:20:48 at the 2014 Boston Marathon. Prior to Rotterdam and Chicago, she lost the 2012 Boston Marathon – her first World Marathon Major event - by just two seconds.

Sumgong kicked off her 2014 marathon season with a 4th place finish at the Boston Marathon. Like the three women ahead of her, she ran faster than the course record.

### Personal

Sumgong is married to Noah Talam (a 2:12 marathoner) and the couple has a daughter born in 2011. She trains in Kapsabet in the Nandi Hills with Rita Jeptoo under the direction of her coach Claudio Beradelli.

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	4th	2:20:41
03/16/14	Meia-Maratona Internacional de Lisboa, half marathon	2nd	1:08:48
02/15/14	KCB Nairobi Cross Country, 8km	4th	26:26.4
01/26/14	Discovery Kenya Cross Country, 6km	2nd	20:09.8

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	4th	2:20:41
10/13/13	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	2:20:48
04/14/13	Rotterdam Marathon	1st	2:23:27
04/16/12	Boston Marathon	2nd	2:31:52
12/11/11	Castellon de la Plana Marathon	1st	2:28:32
06/06/10	Rock 'n' Roll San Diego Marathon	5th	2:32:34



## Wendy Thomas

**Birthdate:** January 19, 1979

**Citizenship:** United States

**Resides:** Windsor, CO

**Height:** 5'7"

**Weight:** 110 lbs.

**Coach:** Lee Troop

**Twitter:** @runningrookie

## Personal records

Marathon	2:32:49 (Boston, 2014)
Half marathon	1:12:29 (Houston, 2014)

## Career overview

Wendy Thomas has taken an unconventional route to becoming one of the top U.S. marathon runners competing in 2014. She didn't run in high school or college; she started running after she had her children to get in shape, and she didn't run her first 10K until 2009. That 10K sparked her meteoric rise. She watched the elites come through the finish and decided she wanted to compete among them. She joined the American Distance Project, qualified for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials with a half marathon time, and made her debut at the trials. She finished 12<sup>th</sup> in 2:34:25.

This April in Boston she subtracted another two minutes from her PR and finished 19<sup>th</sup> in 2:32:49.

## Personal

Thomas has two active sons, Chase (10) and Tripp (8).

## Athlete quote

"I never thought I'd get to a level where I could compete with the best in the US. Chicago is a race everyone talks about and I figure I need to do all the big ones while I am still competing at a high level! Chicago is known to be a fast course meant for PRs and I'd like to add my name to the people who have run well on it. Plus, my husband and sons are HUGE Cubs fans so getting to come and visit Wrigley field was a big draw for them!"

## 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/01/14	U.S. 20K Champs	8th	1:12:52
05/26/14	Bolder Boulder 10K	25th	37:02
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	19th	2:32:49
03/29/14	IAAF World Half-Marathon Championships	44th	1:14:07
03/15/14	Gate River Run 15K	18th	51:57
02/23/14	Gasparilla Distance Class Half-Marathon	6th	1:17:04
01/19/14	Aramco Half-Marathon	4th	1:12:29

## Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	19th	2:32:49
10/06/13	Twin Cities Marathon	6th	2:36:01
01/14/12	U.S. Olympic Trials	12th	2:34:25





### Lisa Uhl

**Birthdate:** August 31, 1987  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Resides:** Des Moines, IA  
**Height:** 5'6"  
**Weight:** 122 lbs.  
**Coach:** Corey Ihmels  
**Agent:** Dan Lilot  
**Sponsor:** Nike  
**Twitter:** @lisa\_uhl

### Marathon debut

### Personal records

Half marathon	1:13:28 (Houston, 2013)
10,000m	31:12.80 (London, 2012)

### Career overview

For most of 2013, Lisa Uhl dealt with injury and fatigue and after months of frustration, she decided to take a break. Out of this break emerged a new and exciting direction for her running career: she was ready to make her marathon debut and she wanted to do it in Chicago.

Uhl first gained notoriety at Iowa State in 2010 when she set the collegiate record in a world-leading 31:18.07 at the Stanford Invitational. At the time, it was the sixth-fastest time ever run by an American. After finding some initial success in her first cross-country season as a professional, Uhl struggled with injury and did not compete during the outdoor 2011 season. Uhl returned in 2012 and ran in the Olympic Trials alongside her then training partner Shalane Flanagan who had already secured her spot on the Olympic team in the marathon. Uhl made the Olympic Team in the 10,000m and placed 13th in the finals two seconds behind American Amy Hastings.

### Athlete quote

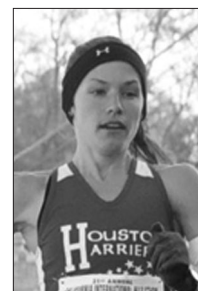
"This is both my first marathon and the first time I've had consistent training in over a year, so I feel like I have a healthy fear of the distance. I'm not going to pretend I know what to expect come October 12th, but my very first priority is to qualify for the 2016 Marathon Olympic Trials and achieve that step toward my goal of making my second Olympic Team. I'm eager to challenge myself in a new way and have the Chicago marathon be the start of a new chapter in my running career."

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/21/14	Garry Bjorklund Half-Marathon	14th	1:16:18
02/23/14	World's Best 10K, San Juan	16th	35:20

### Additional highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/03/12	London Olympic Games 10,000m	13th	31:12.8
03/20/11	Punta Umbria IAAF World Cross Country Championships	40th	27:15
06/11/10	Eugene NCAA Div. I Championships 5000m	1st	15:23.8
06/09/10	Eugene NCAA Div. I Championships 10,000m	1st	32:49.3
06/12/08	Des Moines NCAA Div. I Championships 10,000m	1st	32:45.0



### Becky Wade

**Birthdate:** September 9, 1989  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Resides:** Houston, TX  
**Height:** 5'1"  
**Agent:** Ray Flynn  
**Sponsor:** Asics  
**Twitter:** @bexwade89

### Personal records

Marathon	2:30:41 (Sacramento, 2012)
10,000m	32:40.82 (Palo Alto, 2012)

### Career overview

Becky Wade has been 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 made her the third fastest American woman marathoner in history under age 25. She finished 2013 as the fifth fastest American, and the only one in the top five under age 30. In her build-up to Chicago, she has been logging 115-125 miles/week.

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.

### 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."

### 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
09/01/14	U.S. 20-K Champs	7th	1:12:42

### Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
12/08/13	California International Marathon	1st	2:30:41



## Melissa White

**Birthdate:** April 7, 1981

**Citizenship:** United States

**Residence:** Royal Oak, MI

**Height:** 5'4"

**Coach:** Keith and Kevin Hanson

**Sponsor:** Brooks

## Additional highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/12/08	IAAF World Half Marathon Championships, Rio	21st	1:14:37
07/16/04	U.S. Olympic Trials 10,000m, Sacramento	16th	34:18.08

## Personal records

Marathon	2:32:37 (Chicago, 2013)
Half marathon	1:12:05 (Duluth, 2012)

## Career overview

White has been knocking on the door of a sub-2:30 marathon since she ran her personal best 2:32:55 at the 2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, finishing eighth overall and second American. She set a new PR at the 2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, 2:32:37, but she missed dipping under 2:30. She was the top American at the 2011 Rock 'n' Rock San Diego Marathon in 2:33, 13th at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon in 2:34 and finished third overall at the 2012 Twin Cities Marathon with another 2:34. She also finished fourth at the 2012 USA Half Marathon Championships in Duluth in a personal best 1:12:05.

White was a seven-time NCAA Division III All-American at SUNY-Geneseo. She won the national indoor title at 5000m in 2003.

## Personal

White was the first female addition to the Hansons-Brooks Distance Project and has been a member since 2003. She is married to elite runner Chad Johnson, also a member of the Hansons-Brooks team and a former champion of the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K in Chicago.

## 2014 Races

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/06/14	Cherry Blossom 10-Mile	20th	57:10
01/19/14	Aramco Half-Marathon	15th	1:14:06

## Career marathons

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/13/13	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	10th	2:32:37
10/07/12	Twin Cities Marathon	3rd	2:34:02
01/14/12	U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon, Houston	13th	2:34:33
06/05/11	Rock 'n' Roll San Diego Marathon	7th	2:33:09
10/11/09	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	8th	2:32:55
04/20/08	U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon, Boston	14th	2:37:53
04/16/07	Boston Marathon	14th	2:42:56
10/22/06	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	16th	2:39:21

## Men's wheelchair biographies



### Adam Bleakney

**Birthdate:** August 27, 1975  
**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.

Bleakney is the head coach of the world-class University of Illinois Wheelchair Racing Team, which includes four-time Bank of America 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.

### Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
2012	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:34:23
2011	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	5th	1:29:58
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



### Josh Cassidy

**Birthdate:** November 15, 1984  
**Citizenship:** Canada  
**Residence:** Oakville, Ontario CAN  
**Twitter:** @JoshCassidy84

### Personal record

Marathon 1:18:25 (Boston, 2012)

### Career overview

With his win at the 2012 Boston Marathon, Josh Cassidy recorded a time faster than any other man in history: 1:18:25. He followed that performance with a win in Chicago after finishing fourth in the Windy City the previous year. Cassidy is Canada's top ranked wheelchair competitor and owner of numerous national titles. He holds Canadian records for every distance from 1500m to the marathon.

At the 2012 London Paralympics, he finished 12th in the marathon, 10th in the 1500m and just missed the medal stand with a 5th place finish in the 800m.

Cassidy was 5th at the 2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon and 20th at the 2014 Virgin Money London Marathon.

### Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	5th	1:33:30
2012	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:32:58
2011	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:29:24



### Kurt Fearnley

**Birthdate:** March 23, 1981

**Citizenship:** Australia

**Residence:** Hamilton, New South Wales, AUS

**Twitter:** @kurtfearnley

### Personal record

Marathon 1:21:39 (Boston, 2012)

### Career overview

Kurt Fearnley is Chicago's most decorated male wheelchair athlete with four titles, including three in a row from 2007 to 2009 and another in 2011. 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 TCS New York City Marathons from 2006 to 2009, and he finished third in 2013. His 1:29:22 course record in New York still stands.

Fearnley was in contention for his fifth title at the 2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, but got edged by Ernst Van Dyk by one second at the line. 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. In 2009, he received the NSW Young Australian of the Year award.

### Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
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



### Heinz Frei

**Birthdate:** January 21, 1958

**Citizenship:** Switzerland

**Residence:** Etziken, Switzerland

### Personal record

Marathon 1:20:14 (Oita, 1999)

### Career overview

At 56, Heinz Frei still ranks among the top wheelchair athletes in the world. At age 52, and in his debut Bank of America Chicago Marathon, he set the current course record, 1:26:56, eclipsing the previous mark set by Kurt Fearnley. Frei and Fearnley squared off in Chicago in 2011, where Fearnley outsprinted Frei down the homestretch to take the crown by five seconds.

Throughout his illustrious career, Frei has won 112 marathons, including 20 in Berlin and 14 in Oita, where he broke the official world record 13 years ago. He has broken numerous world records in his career from 400m to the marathon, and he recorded a world best for 100km in 1998. He has won the London Marathon three times.

Frei has competed at every Paralympic Games since 1984 in events ranging from track & field to cycling, to cross-country skiing and biathlon. He has amassed 15 Paralympic gold medals (35 medals total).

At the 2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, he was part of a thrilling finish that saw the top four men finish within four seconds of each other. Frei came home in fourth in 1:30:41. More recently, he finished 7th at the 2014 Virgin Money London Marathon.

### Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:30:41
2011	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:29:23
2010	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:26:56



## Joshua George

**Birthdate:** March 18, 1984

**Citizenship:** United States

**Residence:** Champaign, IL

**Twitter:** @jsgeorge

### Personal record

Marathon

1:22:55 (Duluth, 2012)

### Career overview

Josh George competed in his first Bank of America Chicago Marathon in 2002 as an 18-year-old, finishing fourth among a talented field that included Adam Bleakney. He has finished in the top five of the race eight times, and he is a three-time Chicago Marathon champion, including back-to-back victories in 2003 and 2004 and another in 2006. In 2011, he finished third behind eventual winner Kurt Fearnley and a fraction of a second behind Heinz Frei, registering his fastest Chicago finish in 1:29:23. He finished third again in 2012, and tied for second with Fearnley in 2013 (Ernst Van Dyk took the crown).

A diverse athlete, he won the gold medal in the 100m and a silver medal in the 800m at the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing. At the 2012 London Games, he won bronze in the 800m. Prior to the age of 25, he had set world records in the 100m, 400m and 800m events.

He set his marathon PR in Duluth in 2012. He finished 10th in New York in 2013 and this April in London he finished 10th.

### Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
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



## Tomasz Hamerlak

**Birthdate:** May 8, 1975

**Citizenship:** Poland

**Residence:** Ogdowa, POL

### Personal record

Marathon

1:27:18 (Oensingen, 2010)

### Career overview

Tomasz Hamerlak made a name for himself on the international stage when he took bronze in the marathon at the 2004 Athens Paralympics. He finished eighth in the marathon at the 2012 London Paralympics, and he took silver at the 2013 IPC World Championships in an exciting sprint finish.

In 2011, Hamerlak finished third in the Virgin Money London Marathon, and sixth in his debut TCS New York City Marathon. He followed that performance with a fourth place finish in London and a tenth place finish in Boston. This spring, he finished 16th in Boston. Outside of the marathon, he has won gold and silver on the track at the 2003 European Championships and a bronze medal in the 5000m at the 2002 IPC World Championships.

This fall marks Hamerlak's Chicago Marathon debut.

### Career highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
2013	IPC World Championship Marathon	2nd	1:32:27
2013	Boston Marathon	10th	1:31:47
2013	Virgin Money London Marathon	4th	1:31:30
2012	London Paralympic Marathon	8th	1:31:34
2011	Virgin Money London Marathon	3rd	1:30:54
2011	TCS New York City Marathon	6th	1:38:43
2004	Athens Paralympic Marathon	3rd	1:31:01



## Krige Schabort

**Birthdate:** September 9, 1963

**Citizenship:** United States

**Residence:** Cedartown, GA

### Personal record

Marathon 1:23:44 (Boston, 2012)

### Career overview

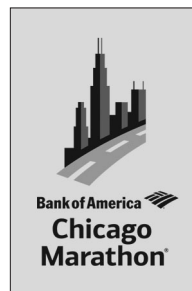
Krige Schabort won his debut Bank of America Chicago Marathon in 2005 and set a new course record (which Fearnley broke in 2007). In 2007, he missed returning to the top of the podium by one second, losing to Kurt Fearnley in a sprint finish. He finished third in 2006, 2008 and 2009.

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. Most recently, he finished 15th among one of the deepest fields in Boston Marathon history.

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	Race	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	1:38:33
2005	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:29:40



## Masazumi Soejima

**Birthdate:** August 31, 1970

**Citizenship:** Japan

**Residence:** Nagasaki, JPN

### Personal record

Marathon 1:18:50 (Boston, 2011)

### Career overview

Masazumi Soejima has won the Boston Marathon and the TCS New York City Marathon, but he has yet to stand atop the podium in Chicago. He finished as the runner-up in 2008, 2009 and 2010. If he wins this fall, he will be the first man from Japan to win the Wheelchair competition (in its history, the Chicago Marathon has only had one winner from Japan in the elite men's competition, Toshihiko Seko in 1986 in 2:08:27). Soejima won the 2011 and 2012 Boston Marathons, and the 2011 TCS New York City Marathon. He finished 4th in New York in 2013.

In 2007, Soejima became the first Japanese winner at Boston, breaking Ernst Van Dyk's streak of six consecutive wins. He beat the field by seven minutes.

Soejima just missed the podium at the 2012 London Paralympic Marathon, finishing fourth in 1:30:24.

### Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
2010	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:28:01
2009	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:30:58
2008	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:32:30



## Ernst Van Dyk

**Birthdate:** April 4, 1973  
**Citizenship:** South Africa  
**Residence:** Paarl, RSA  
**Twitter:** @ernstvandyk

### Personal record

Marathon 1:18:27 (Boston, 2004)

### Career overview

Ernst Van Dyk is the defending Bank of America Chicago Marathon champion after an exciting sprint finish down Columbus Drive last fall. Van Dyk has won the Boston Marathon a record nine 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 has raced the London Marathon nine times, making the podium four times but never capturing the victory.

Van Dyk won the 2005 New York City Marathon, and was runner up in 2013. He was also runner-up in Boston in 2013 before winning again this April in 1:20:36.

In the 2010 Chicago Marathon, Van Dyk finished a disappointing fourth after experiencing mechanical issues midway through the race.

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 a Paralympic gold medal in the handcycle road race at the 2004 Athens Paralympic Games.

### Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:30:37
2010	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:32:43

## Women's wheelchair biographies



## Christie Dawes

**Birthdate:** May 3, 1980  
**Citizenship:** Australia  
**Residence:** Newcastle, New South Wales, AUS

### Personal record

Marathon 1:47:04 (Chicago, 2011)

### Career overview

Christie Dawes is familiar with the Bank of America Chicago Marathon course. She finished fifth in her 2009 Chicago Marathon debut, second in 2011 and fifth again in 2013. She followed Chicago with a sixth place finish in New York, and she started 2014 with a fifth place finish in London.

Dawes represented Australia at the 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012 Paralympic Games. As a 16-year-old at the 1996 Atlanta Games, she received the Young Paralympian of the Year Award. Sixteen years later, she landed on the podium at the London Paralympics, winning a bronze medal in the 5000m.

Her husband, Andrew, who also coaches four-time Chicago Marathon champion and fellow Aussie, Kurt Fearnley, coaches Dawes.

### Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	5th	1:49:31
2011	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:47:04
2009	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	5th	1:50:50





### Tatyana McFadden

**Birthdate:** April 21, 1989  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Residence:** Champaign, IL  
**Twitter:** @TatyanaMcFadden

### Personal record

Marathon 1:35:06 (Boston, 2014)

### Career overview

Tatyana McFadden made history last year as the only athlete to ever win four World Marathon Majors (WMM) in one year: London, Boston, Chicago and New York. In total, she has won 10 WMM in just six years of elite marathon racing. A ten-time U.S. Summer Paralympic track and field medalist and the only woman to win six gold medals in a single IPC Athletics World Championships, McFadden returns to capture her fourth consecutive Chicago Marathon victory and her fifth in the last six years.

Last fall, McFadden shattered Chicago's long-standing course record after a blistering sprint finish where she defeated Manuela Schär by two seconds. McFadden's 1:42:35 took down the previous course mark set in 1992.

McFadden, a four-time Paralympian, made her marathon debut in Chicago in 2009, outsprinting her more seasoned competitors in the closest women's wheelchair race in Chicago Marathon history.

This year, McFadden grabbed consecutive titles in London and Boston over an eight-day span in April, just 32 days after winning a silver medal in cross-country skiing at the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games. In her wake, she has taken down course records in London (breaking her own course record in 2014) and Chicago, narrowly missing Boston's course record this year – on her 25th birthday – by 60 seconds while setting a personal best by more than seven minutes (1:35:06). McFadden stands out as one of the most versatile and accomplished athletes in U.S. history.

If McFadden wins again in Chicago and New York, she will complete her second “grand slam” by winning four WMM in one season.

### Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	1st	1:42:35
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



### Amanda McGrory

**Birthdate:** June 9, 1986  
**Citizenship:** United States  
**Residence:** Champaign, IL  
**Twitter:** @alittlechipped

### Personal record

Marathon 1:36:39 (Duluth, 2012)

### Career overview

Amanda McGrory is a three-time Bank of America 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. 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 finished third at the 2013 Chicago Marathon, and took fourth one month later at the TCS New York City Marathon. She is a two-time New York City champion and the current course record holder. She won the 2011 London and Paris marathons just one week apart.

At the 2011 IPC World Championships, she won a pair of gold medals in the 800m and 5000m, and captured bronze in the marathon. At the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing she took home a complete set of medals – gold in the 5000m, silver in the marathon and bronze in the 800m.

### Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
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





### Shirley Reilly

**Birthdate:** May 29, 1985  
**Citizenship:** Unites States  
**Residence:** Tucson, AZ  
**Twitter:** @ShirleyReilly1

### Personal record

Marathon 1:37:36 (Boston, 2012)

### Career overview

Shirley Reilly experienced her best year as a professional athlete in 2012. She won the Boston Marathon in a personal best, 1:37:36, and followed that with the greatest athletic achievement an athlete can hope for: she won gold in the 2012 London Paralympic Marathon. She also won silver in the 5000m and bronze in the 1500m.

Reilly is a two-time winner of the Los Angeles Marathon. She made her first Chicago Marathon appearance in 2011 and finished fourth. In 2013, she finished fourth in Boston, sixth in London, fourth in Chicago and seventh in New York. She started her 2014 season with an eighth place finish in London.

### Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:49:30
2011	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	4th	1:47:56



### Diane Roy

**Birthdate:** January 9, 1971  
**Citizenship:** Canada  
**Residence:** Hatley, Quebec, CAN  
**Twitter:** @dianeroy71

### Personal record

Marathon 1:40:09 (Oensingen, 2007)

### Career overview

Diane Roy has two podium finishes in Chicago – second to Tatyana McFadden in 2009 by just two seconds, and third behind McFadden and Christie Dawes in 2011. She finished seventh last year among a highly competitive field. In 2012, she finished third at both the Boston and London marathons. She ended her 2013 season in New York with a 10th place finish, and she started her 2014 campaign with a seventh place finish in London.

Roy won a pair of bronze medals at both the 2004 and 2008 Paralympics. In an unfortunate turn of events at the 2008 Beijing Games, she was initially awarded the gold medal in the 5000m, but because of a crash in the final laps between other competitors, the event was re-run. In the rematch, she finished second to Amanda McGrory and had to settle for silver instead. She competed in her fifth Paralympics in 2012.

### Bank of America Chicago Marathon career highlights

Date	Race	Place	Time
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	7th	1:49:35
2011	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:47:14
2009	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:50:49



## Manuela Schär

**Birthdate:** December 5, 1984

**Citizenship:** Switzerland

**Residence:** Kriens, SUI

### Personal record

Marathon

1:38:07 (Oita, 2013)

### Career overview

Manuela Schär made her Bank of America Chicago Marathon debut last fall in convincing fashion, finishing second by two seconds behind defending champion Tatyana McFadden. Since then, the two have met in New York, Boston and London. McFadden won all three, and Schär finished third in New York, fourth in Boston and second in London. In spite of those losses, Schär picked up victories in 2013 in Berlin and Oita. Her 1:38:07 in Oita is recognized as the current World Record (run on a record eligible course).

In 2013, after winning silver medals in the 400m, 800m and 5000m events at the IPC World Championships, she finally took gold in the marathon, outsprinting Japan's Wakako Tsuchida and Team USA's Amanda McGrory.

Schär competed in the 2004, 2008 and 2012 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	Race	Place	Time
2013	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:42:37