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## **PROFESSIONAL MEN - OPEN FIELD**



# JOHN KORIR | KENYA

BIRTHDATE: December 2, 1996

**AGE:** 28

**RESIDENCE:** Kenya

**PERSONAL BEST:** 2:02:44 (Chicago, 2024)

John Korir has made it known he is coming back to Chicago to defend his 2024 win and run fast. Korir's victory last year was the second fastest in race history and followed third and fourth place finishes in the 2022 and 2023 Bank of America Chicago Marathons. The winning time of 2:02:44 makes him the eighth fastest man in history. This spring, Korir showed that his Chicago victory was no fluke by convincingly winning the Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America. Like his Chicago victory, his Boston win was the second fastest in race history. Korir has stated he'd like to run under 2:01, a feat only accomplished by the late Kelvin Kiptim who set the

world record here in 2023 when he won in 2:00:35. Prior to his success in the Abbott World Marathon Majors, Korir won the Los Angeles Marathon twice. In his only other race besides Boston this year, he won the Boilermaker 15K in Utica, NY.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Champion, 2025 Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America
- Champion, 2024 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- Runner-up, 2024 Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon
- Third place, 2022 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- 2022 and 2021 Los Angeles Marathon champion

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	1st	2:04:45
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	1st	2:02:44
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	4th	2:07:40
02/24/24	Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon	2nd	58:50
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	4th	2:05:09
04/17/23	Boston Marathon	9th	2:10:04
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	3rd	2:05:01
03/20/22	Los Angeles Marathon	1st	2:09:08
11/07/21	Los Angeles Marathon	1st	2:12:49



## TIMOTHY KIPLAGAT | KENYA

**BIRTHDATE:** September 18, 1993

**AGE:** 32

**RESIDENCE:** Kenya

**PERSONAL BEST:** 2:02:55 (Tokyo, 2024)

Timothy Kiplagat will make his U.S. road racing debut at the 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Kiplagat is seeking his first marathon victory since 2022 following runner-up finishes in the Rotterdam and Tokyo Marathons last year. His 2:02:55 finishing time in Tokyo makes him the 10th fastest man of all time. Kiplagat represented Kenya in the marathon at the 2023 World Athletics Championship in Budapest where he placed 13th. He was a training partner of the late 2023 Chicago Marathon winner and world record holder Kelvin Kiptum.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Third place, 2025 Meishan Renshou Half Marathon
- Second place, 2024 Tokyo Marathon
- Second place, 2023 NN Marathon Rotterdam

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/23/25	Meishan Renshou Half Marathon	3rd	1:01:06
12/01/24	Shanghai Marathon	4th	2:06:43
04/28/24	Gifu Half Marathon	3rd	1:01:55
03/03/24	Tokyo Marathon	2nd	2:02:55
04/16/24	NN Marathon Rotterdam	2nd	2:03:50
12/17/22	ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon	1st	2:05:20
10/02/22	Nike Melbourne Marathon Festival	1st	2:09:12



## AMOS KIPRUTO | KENYA

BIRTHDATE: September 16, 1992

**AGE:** 33

**RESIDENCE:** Kenya

**PERSONAL BEST:** 2:03:13 (Tokyo, 2022)

A consistent presence in international marathoning, Amos Kipruto has five podium finishes in the Abbott World Marathon Majors, including a victory at the 2022 TCS London Marathon and a third place finish at last year's Bank of America Chicago Marathon. In April of this year, Kipruto won the Haspa Marathon in Hamburg, Germany. He received the bronze medal at the 2019 World Championship Marathon and represented Kenya in the 2020 Tokyo Games, but did not finish the marathon. Besides his victory in London, Kipruto has marathon wins in Rome and Seoul. He trains with 2022 Chicago

champion Benson Kipruto (no relation) and Boston and New York City winner Evans Chebet.

### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Champion, 2025 Haspa Marathon Hamburg
- Third place, 2024 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- Champion, 2022 London Marathon
- Runner-up, 2022 Tokyo Marathon
- 2021 Olympian, Marathon
- Bronze medalist, 2019 World Championship Marathon
- Runner-up, 2018 Berlin Marathon
- Third place, 2018 Tokyo Marathon

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



## CYBRIAN KOTUT | KENYA

BIRTHDATE: June 6, 1992

**AGE:** 33

**RESIDENCE:** Kenya

**PERSONAL BEST:** 2:03:22 (Berlin, 2024)

CyBrian Kotut's last two Abbott World Marathon Majors appearances have resulted in podium finishes. He will attempt to claim his first victory in his Chicago debut. At the 2025 Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America, Kotut was involved in a thrilling sprint finish for second place with Alphonce Simbu. The pair was given the same finishing time of 2:05:04, but Simbu took the runner-up spot, more than two minutes behind winner John Korir. Last fall, Kotut was a close runner-up at the BMW Berlin Marathon, finishing five seconds behind winner Milkesa Mengesha. No stranger to breaking the tape, Kotut won the 2022 Hamburg Marathon and 2023 Amsterdam

Marathon. He also has marathon victories in Paris, Krakow and Firenze.

### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Third place, 2025 Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America
- Second place, 2024 Berlin Marathon
- Champion, 2023 Amsterdam Marathon

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	3rd	2:05:04
09/29/24	Berlin Marathon	2nd	2:03:22
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	9th	2:10:29
10/15/23	Amsterdam Marathon	1st	2:04:34
10/16/22	Amsterdam Marathon	6th	2:05:15
04/24/22	Hamburg Marathon	1st	2:04:47



## **BASHIR ABDI | BELGIUM**

BIRTHDATE: February 10, 1989

**AGE:** 36

**RESIDENCE:** Belgium

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

Bashir Abdi followed up his 2020 Olympic bronze medal in the marathon by winning the silver in Paris last summer. He returns to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon in hopes of bettering his third place finish here in 2023. The European record holder in the marathon, Abdi also has a bronze medal from the 2022 World Championship marathon and he won the Rotterdam Marathon in 2021 and 2023. He finished fifth here in 2019. Abdi was born in Somalia, but moved to Belgium as a child. He's coached by Gary Lough, husband of 2002 Chicago champion Paula Radcliffe. Abdi is married with two children.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

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

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



## JACOB KIPLIMO | UGANDA

BIRTHDATE: November 14, 2000

**AGE**: 24

**RESIDENCE:** Uganda

PERSONAL BEST: 2:03:37 (London, 2025)

Jacob Kiplimo's much-anticipated marathon debut lived up to the hype this past spring. The world record holder in the half marathon finished second in the London Marathon in a time of 2:03:37, just 10 seconds behind Sebastian Sawe, and set the Ugandan national record in the process. Kiplimo obliterated the half marathon world record last February when he ran 56:42 in Barcelona, 48 seconds faster than the previous record. In August, he set the course record at the Buenos Aires Half Marathon, running 58:29 and winning by nearly a minute and a half. Just 24 years old, Kiplimo already has

two world cross country titles, bronze medals in the 10,000m at the Olympics as well as gold medals at the World Championships and Commonwealth Games in the 10,000m and 5,000m.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Half Marathon world record holder, 2024 Barcelona Half Marathon
- Second place, 2025 London Marathon
- Second place, 2024 Copenhagen Half Marathon
- First place at 2024 and 2023 World Athletics Cross Country Championships
- Eighth place, 10,000m at 2024 Paris Olympics
- First place and world record performance, 2021 Lisbon Half Marathon
- Bronze medalist, 10,000m at 2021 Tokyo Olympics
- Fifth place, 5000m at 2021 Tokyo Olympics

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/25/25	Buenos Aires Half Marathon	1st	58:29
04/27/25	London Marathon	2nd	2:03:37
02/16/25	Barcelona Half Marathon	1st	56:42
12/31/24	San Silvestre Vallecana 10K	2nd	26:32
11/17/24	NN Zevenheuvelenloop 15K	1st	40:42
09/15/24	Copenhagen Half Marathon	2nd	58:09
08/02/24	Paris Olympics 10,000m	8th	26:46.39
03/20/24	WA Cross Country Championships	1st	28:09
01/14/24	Valencia 10K	1st	26:48
11/19/23	NN Zevenheuvelenloop 15K	1st	41:05
03/19/23	New York City Half Marathon	1st	1:01:31
02/18/23	WA Cross Country Championships	1st	29:17
09/11/22	Great North Run Half Marathon	1st	59:33
07/31/21	Tokyo Olympics 10,000m	3rd	27:43.88



## PHILEMON KIPLIMO | KENYA

BIRTHDATE: October 10, 1998

**AGE:** 27

**RESIDENCE:** Kenya

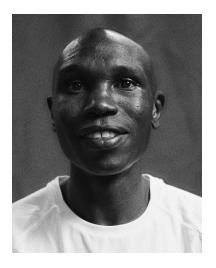
PERSONAL BEST: 2:04:01 (Hamburg, 2025)

The 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will be a rematch for Philemon Kiplimo and Amos Kipruto. At the Haspa Marathon in Hamburg earlier this year, Kipruto pulled away from Kiplimo in the final kilometers to win by 15 seconds. Kiplimo (no relation to Jacob) won the Bogota Half Marathon in July. Chicago will be his third Abbott World Marathon Majors appearance following an eighth place finish in Berlin in 2023 and a DNF in 2022. He has half marathon victories in Prague (2022) and Bahrain (2021) and won the 2019 B.A.A. Half Marathon.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Champion, 2025 Bogota Half Marathon
- Second place, 2025 Hamburg Marathon
- Champion, 2022 Prague Half Marathon

Date	Race	Place	Time
07/27/25	Bogota Half Marathon	1st	1:02:55
04/27/25	Hamburg Marathon	2nd	2:04:01
07/28/24	Bogota Half Marathon	2nd	1:03:06
04/28/24	Hamburg Marathon	3rd	2:05:37
09/24/23	Berlin Marathon	8th	2:04:56
05/01/23	Le Puy-en-Velay 15K	1st	43:03
06/26/22	B.A.A. 10K	3rd	28:09
04/02/22	Prague Half Marathon	1st	59:33



### **GEOFFREY KAMWOROR | KENYA**

BIRTHDATE: November 22, 1992

**AGE:** 32

**RESIDENCE:** Kenya

**PERSONAL BEST:** 2:04:23 (London, 2023)

Geoffrey Kamworor returned to the top of the marathon podium for the first time in more than five years, winning the 2025 Rotterdam Marathon in a time just 10 seconds off his personal best. Prior to that win, his last marathon victory was the 2019 TCS New York City Marathon. He also won that event in 2017. During the victory drought, Kamworor remained a top competitor, scoring top five finishes in London and New York and winning the Kenyan 10,000m trials in 2021. The former world record holder in the half marathon, Kamworor is a three-time World Half Marathon champion and a two-time World Cross Country champion. He also represented Kenya in the

10,000m at the 2016 Rio Olympics. In August, he won the Antrim Coast Half Marathon in Northern Ireland in 59:51, 90 seconds ahead of second place.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Placed in the top 5 at an Abbott World Major Marathon 9 times
- Champion, 2025 NN Rotterdam Marathon
- Second place, 2025 Barcelona Half Marathon
- Champion, 2021 Kenya Olympic Games Trials 10,000m
- 2-time New York City Marathon Champion (2017 & 2019)

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/24/25	Antrim Coast Half Marathon	1st	59:51
04/13/25	NN Rotterdam Marathon	1st	2:04:33
02/16/25	Barcelona Half Marathon	2nd	58:44
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	5th	2:08:50
03/02/24	Kenya XC Championships 10K	4th	28:43
04/23/23	London Marathon	2nd	2:04:23
04/18/22	Boston Marathon	18th	2:11:49
06/18/21	Kenya Olympic Games Trials 10,000m	1st	27:01.06
11/03/19	New York City Marathon	1st	2:08:13
09/15/19	Copenhagen Half Marathon	1st	58:01
11/04/18	New York City Marathon	3rd	2:06:26
11/05/17	New York City Marathon	1st	2:10:53
11/01/15	New York City Marathon	2nd	2:10:48
09/28/14	Berlin Marathon	4th	2:06:39
02/23/14	Tokyo Marathon	6th	2:07:37
09/29/13	Berlin Marathon	3rd	2:06:26
09/30/12	Berlin Marathon	3rd	2:06:12



## **HUSEYDIN MOHAMED ESA | ETHIOPIA**

BIRTHDATE: September 11, 2000

**AGE: 25** 

**RESIDENCE:** Ethiopia

PERSONAL BEST: 2:04:39 (Chicago, 2024)

Huseydin Mohamed has been runner-up in his last three Abbott World Marathon Majors races including his second place finish in the 2024 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, where he set his personal best. At the 2024 Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America, he finished just one second behind fellow Ethiopian Sisay Lemma. Mohamed ran his first Abbott World Marathon Major last year taking the runner-up spot in Tokyo. As part of the NN Running Team, Mohamed lives and trains in Addis Ababa with two-time Tokyo Marathon winner Birhanu Legese. He's coached by Mersha Asrat, who

has coached marathon legend Kenenisa Bekele.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Runner-up, 2024 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- Runner-up, 2024 Boston Marathon
- Runner-up, 2023 Tokyo Marathon
- 2022 Lisbon Half Marathon Champion
- Runner-up, 2021 Lisbon Half Marathon

Date	Race	Place	Time
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	2nd	2:04:39
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	2nd	2:06:58
12/03/23	Valencia Marathon	8th	2:05:40
03/23/23	Tokyo Marathon	2nd	2:05:22
05/08/22	Lisbon Half Marathon	1st	1:01:00
10/16/22	Amsterdam Marathon	5th	2:05:05
10/17/21	Poznań Half Marathon	1st	59:32
11/21/21	Lisbon Half Marathon	2nd	59:39



## **CONNER MANTZ | UNITED STATES**

BIRTHDATE: December 8, 1996

**AGE:** 28

**RESIDENCE:** Provo, UT

PERSONAL BEST: 2:05:08 (Boston, 2025)

Conner Mantz is on a mission to break the American record in the marathon and he believes his best chance is to do it in Chicago. At this year's Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America, Mantz showed he is capable of bettering Khalid Khannouci's 23-year-old record of 2:05:38. There, he finished fourth in 2:05:08 on the challenging, but not record-eligible, course. In January of this year, Mantz broke Ryan Hall's 18-year-old American record in the half marathon with a 59:17 finish in Houston, and he's been unstoppable ever since. He bettered his time by two seconds at the New York City Half Marathon, and after Boston, he won the BOLDERBoulder 10K and the Beach to Beacon 10K. Mantz's last Chicago appearance came in 2023 when he finished 6th

in 2:07:47. He made his marathon debut here in 2022. Mantz was the top American in the 2024 Paris Olympic Marathon, finishing in eighth. A two-time NCAA Cross Country champion at Brigham Young University, Mantz is coached by Olympian and 1994 Chicago runner-up Ed Eyestone. He lives in Utah with his wife, Kylie.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Champion, 2025 Beach to Beacon 10K
- Champion, BOLDERBoulder 10K
- 4th place and top American, Boston Marathon
- Half Marathon American Record holder, runner-up 2025 NYC Half
- Runner-up, 2025 Houston Half Marathon
- Top American, 2024 Paris Olympic Marathon
- Champion, U.S. Olympic Team Trials Marathon
- Second fastest American marathon debut ever (2:08:16, Chicago 2022)
- 2022 USATF 20km champion
- 2021 USATF Half Marathon champion
- 2020 & 2021 NCAA Cross Country champion

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Date	Race	Place	Time
08/02/25	Beach to Beacon 10K	1st	27:26
05/26/25	BOLDERBoulder 10K	1st	28:21
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	4th	2:05:08
03/19/25	NYC Half Marathon	2nd	59:15
01/19/25	Houston Half Marathon	2nd	59:17
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	6th	2:09:00
08/10/24	Paris Olympic Marathon	8th	2:08:12
02/03/24	U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Marathon	1st	2:09:05
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	6th	2:07:47
06/16/23	Nike Outdoor Nationals 1500m	2nd	3:37.92
04/17/23	Boston Marathon	11th	2:10:25
01/15/23	Houston Half Marathon	6th	1:01:12
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	7th	2:08:16
09/05/22	USATF 20km Championship	1st	59:08
03/20/22	New York City Half Marathon	5th	1:01:40
12/05/21	USATF Half Marathon Championship	1st	1:00:55



## **DANIEL EBENYO | KENYA**

BIRTHDATE: September 18, 1995

**AGE:** 30

**RESIDENCE:** Kenya

PERSONAL BEST: 2:06:04 (Chicago, 2024)

Daniel Ebenyo made his marathon debut at the 2024 Bank of America Chicago Marathon where he finished fifth in 2:06:04. Since then, he's won the Kenyan Cross Country Championships, was runner-up to Conner Mantz at the BOLDERBoulder 10K and finished 10th at the Seoul Marathon in South Korea. Ebenyo won the silver medal in the 10,000m at the 2023 World Athletics Championships and in the 2023 World Championship Half Marathon. He's a three-time Kenyan national champion in the 5,000m.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2025 Cross Country Championships champion
- Fifth place, 2024 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- Second place, 2024 Peachtree 10K
- 2024 Berlin Half Marathon Champion
- Silver medalist, World Road Running Championships Half Marathon
- Silver medalist, World Athletics Championships (10,000m)
- 2022 Valencia 10K Champion
- Silver medalist, 2022 African Championships (5000m)
- 3-time Kenyan National Champion, 5000m

Race	Place	Time
BOLDERBoulder 10K	2nd	28:23
Kenya Cross Country Championships 10K	1st	30:48
Chicago Marathon	5th	2:06:04
Peachtree Road Race 10K	2nd	28:05
Berlin Half Marathon	1st	59:30
New Delhi Half Marathon	1st	59:27
World Athletics Running Championships	2nd	59:14
Istanbul Half Marathon	1st	59:52
Bahrain Royal Night Half Marathon	2nd	59:04
Nairobi Half Marathon	1st	1:00:50
Laayoune Half Marathon	1st	1:00:45
Eldoret Half Marathon	1st	1:03:00
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## **GALEN RUPP | UNITED STATES**

BIRTHDATE: May 8, 1986

**AGE**: 39

**RESIDENCE:** Portland, OR

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

One of the most decorated distance runners in American history, Galen Rupp returns to Chicago for his sixth Bank of America Chicago Marathon appearance. As the 2017 champion, he's the only American man to win the race in the last 24 years. He also had a runner-up finish in 2021 and a fifth place finish in 2018. A four-time Olympian and the 2016 Olympic bronze medalist in the marathon, Rupp holds three of the six fastest times ever run by an American man, two of which came in Chicago. He's the winner of the last two U.S. Olympic marathon trials. Prior to moving to the marathon, Rupp won the silver medal in the 10,000m at the 2012 London Olympics. He's an

eight-time U.S. champion at that distance. Rupp lives and trains in Portland, Oregon. He is married with four children.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Third fastest American marathon runner in history
- Second fastest American half marathon runner in history
- 2022 World Championship Marathon finisher
- Runner-up, 2021 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- 2020 Olympian, Marathon
- 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials Marathon champion
- 2018 Prague Marathon champion
- 2017 Bank of America Chicago Marathon champion
- Runner-up, 2017 Boston Marathon
- 2016 Olympic bronze medalist, marathon
- 2012 Olympic silver medalist, 10,000m
- Nine-time U.S. champion (Marathon, 10,000m, 5000m)
- Six-time NCAA champion

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Date	Race	Place	Time
02/03/24	U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Marathon	16th	2:14:07
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	8th	2:08:48
03/19/23	New York City Half Marathon	17th	1:04:57
07/17/22	World Championship Marathon	19th	2:09:36
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	2nd	2:06:35
09/12/21	Great North Run	3rd	1:01:52
08/08/21	Tokyo Olympic Marathon	8th	2:11:41
02/29/20	U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Marathon	1st	2:09:20
10/07/18	Chicago Marathon	5th	2:06:21
05/06/18	Prague Marathon	1st	2:06:07
03/11/18	Roma-Ostia Half Marathon	1st	59:47
10/08/17	Chicago Marathon	1st	2:09:20
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	2nd	2:09:58
08/21/16	Rio de Janeiro Olympic Marathon	3rd	2:10:05
02/13/16	U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Marathon	1st	2:11:13



# **HIROTO INOUE | JAPAN**

BIRTHDATE: January 6, 1993

**AGE:** 32

**RESIDENCE:** Japan

**PERSONAL BEST:** 2:06:14 (Tokyo, 2025)

One of Japan's top marathon runners, Hiroto Inoue set his personal best at this year's Tokyo Marathon when he finished 12th in 2:06:14. This is his Chicago debut and his first race in the United States since 2019 when he was the top Japanese finisher in the Boston Marathon. Inoue is the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games champion in the marathon. He runs for the Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems team in Nagasaki.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Three-time top 10 finish in Tokyo Marathon
- Champion, 2022 Osaka Half Marathon
- Champion, 2021 Long Distance Meeting 10,000m
- 2018 Jakarta Asian Games Marathon Winner

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/02/25	Tokyo Marathon	12th	2:06:14
10/15/23	Paris 24 Selection Race, Tokyo	7th	2:09:55
03/05/23	Tokyo Marathon	10th	2:07:09
09/25/22	Berlin Marathon	25th	2:14:09
03/06/22	Tokyo Marathon	17th	2:08:33
01/30/22	Osaka Half Marathon	1st	1:01:14
11/27/21	Long Distance Meeting 10,000m	1st	27:43.17
03/01/20	Tokyo Marathon	26th	2:09:34
04/15/19	Boston Marathon	12th	2:11:53
08/25/18	Jakarta Asian Games Marathon	1st	2:18:22
02/25/18	Tokyo Marathon	5th	2:06:54
02/26/17	Tokyo Marathon	8th	2:08:22



## **ZOUHAIR TALBI | MOROCCO**

BIRTHDATE: April 8, 1995

**AGE:** 30

**RESIDENCE:** Colorado Springs, CO

PERSONAL BEST: 2:06:39 (Houston, 2024)

This year, Zouhair Talbi joined the U.S. Army Reserves and became a United States citizen. Still, he must wait three years from the date of his last global competition to compete for his new country. Talbi represented his native Morocco in the 2024 Paris Olympic Marathon so he will not be able to represent the U.S. until 2027 or set any American national records. He is, however, able to win U.S. titles and claim U.S. prize money in races that don't select international teams. This is Talbi's second trip to Chicago this year. In the summer, he won the Bank of America Chicago 13.1. Three weeks later, he was runner-up at the Boston 10K. In 2024, Talbi won the Chevron

Houston Marathon in 2:06:39, a personal best and a course record. Talbi is based in Colorado Springs where he lives with his wife Elizabeth and their son Amir who was born in March.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Champion, 2025 Bank of America Chicago 13.1
- Champion, 2024 Houston Marathon
- Second place, 2024 NYC Half
- Third place in both 2022 B.A.A. Boston 5K and Half Marathon events
- 2022 NAIA Indoor Championships champion of the Mile, 5000m, 3000m

Race	Place	Time
B.A.A. 10K	2nd	28:18
Chicago 13.1	1st	1:01:08
Paris Olympic Marathon	35th	2:11:51
Chicago 13.1	3rd	1:02:53
Boston Marathon	10th	2:10:45
NYC Half	2nd	1:00:41
Houston Marathon	1st	2:06:39
B.A.A. Boston 10K	11th	29:28
NYC Half	3rd	1:02:18
Houston Half Marathon	5th	1:01:08
B.A.A. Boston Half Marathon	3rd	1:02:15
B.A.A. Boston 10K	6th	28:26
B.A.A. Boston 5K	3rd	13:36
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## PROFESSIONAL WOMEN - OPEN FIELD



### **MEGERTU ALEMU | ETHIOPIA**

**BIRTHDATE:** October 12, 1997

**AGE:** 28

**RESIDENCE:** Ethiopia

**PERSONAL BEST:** 2:16:34 (London, 2024)

After a year away from Chicago–during which she set a personal best at the TCS London Marathon and won the Valencia Marathon– Megertu Alemu returns to improve upon her third place finish from the 2023 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Alemu represented Ethiopia in the 2024 Paris Olympic Marathon although she did not finish the race. She's placed in the top five in London four times and holds the course record at the Seville Marathon from her victory in 2022. Alemu won the Rome Marathon in 2019, also setting the course record.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2024 Valencia Marathon champion
- 2019 Rome Marathon champion
- 2024 Paris Olympian (Marathon)
- Seville Marathon course record holder
- Rome Marathon course record holder

Date	Race	Place	Time
12/01/24	Valencia Marathon	1st	2:16:49
09/08/24	Great North Run	3rd	1:07:42
04/21/24	London Marathon	4th	2:16:34
02/24/24	Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon	9th	1:09:23
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	3rd	2:17:09
04/23/23	London Marathon	2nd	2:18:37
12/10/22	Jeddah Half Marathon	2nd	1:07:18
10/02/22	London Marathon	3rd	2:18:32
02/20/22	Zurich Maraton de Sevilla	1st	2:18:51
10/03/21	London Marathon	13th	2:27:18
10/04/20	London Marathon	5th	2:24:23



## HAWI FEYSA| ETHIOPIA

BIRTHDATE: February 1, 1999

**AGE:** 26

**RESIDENCE:** Ethiopia

PERSONAL BEST: 2:17:00 (Tokyo, 2025)

Hawi Feysa's last two marathon performances have established her as one of the world's best runners at the distance. She won the Frankfurt Marathon last October, setting a course record. In March of this year, she lowered her personal best by 25 seconds with her third place finish in the Tokyo Marathon. The 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will be her U.S. marathon debut. Feysa won the silver medal in the junior race at the 2017 World Cross Country Championships and was a finalist in the 5000m at the 2019 World Athletics Championships. She trains with Olympic silver medalist

Tigist Asefa, the second fastest woman in history, and 2024 Berlin Marathon winner Tigest Ketema.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Third place, 2025 Tokyo Marathon
- Frankfurt Marathon course record holder
- 2021 Copenhagen Half Marathon champion
- Eighth, 2019 World Athletics Championships (5000m)
- 2018 5000m Ethiopian Champion

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/02/25	Tokyo Marathon	3rd	2:17:00
10/27/24	Frankfurt Marathon	1st	2:17:25
12/16/23	Abu Dhabi Marathon	2nd	2:24:03
09/17/23	Copenhagen Half Marathon	4th	1:07:18
10/23/22	Valencia Half Marathon	3rd	1:06:00



## **BEDATU HIRPA| ETHIOPIA**

BIRTHDATE: April 28, 1999

**AGE: 26** 

**RESIDENCE:** Ethiopia

**PERSONAL BEST:** 2:18:27 (Dubai, 2025)

Bedatu Hirpa has run five marathons since the beginning of last year and won four of them. She kicked off 2025 with a personal best at the Dubai Marathon. Then, she followed it up by winning the Paris Marathon in April. She also has marathon victories in Prague, Riyadh and Athens. Hirpa started her competitive career at just 16 with a gold medal in the 1500m at the 2015 IAAF World Youth Championships.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2025 Paris Marathon Champion
- 2025 Dubai Marathon Champion
- 2024 Prague Marathon Champion
- 2024 Riyadh Marathon Champion
- 2017 Athens Marathon Champion
- Gold medalist, 2015 World Youth Championships (1500m)

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/13/25	Paris Marathon	1st	2:20:45
01/12/25	Dubai Marathon	1st	2:18:27
10/20/24	Amsterdam Marathon	5th	2:21:09
05/04/24	Prague Marathon	1st	2:23:41
02/10/24	Riyadh Marathon	1st	2:27:00
10/29/23	Beike Beijing Marathon	18th	2:38:45
02/12/23	Dubai Marathon	7th	2:24:48
03/03/19	Tokyo Marathon	5th	2:23:43



# **HAVEN HAILU DESSE | ETHIOPIA**

BIRTHDATE: September 10, 1998

**AGE:** 27

**RESIDENCE:** Ethiopia

**PERSONAL BEST:** 2:19:17 (London, 2025)

Haven Hailu Desse is chasing her first Abbott World Marathon Majors victory and looking for redemption after dropping out of the 2022 Bank of America Chicago Marathon just after 25K. Desse was fourth in this year's TCS London Marathon with a massive personal best of 2:19:17. She won the Osaka Women's Marathon in Japan in 2023 and the Rotterdam Marathon in 2022.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Fourth place, 2025 London Marathon
- 2024 Amsterdam Marathon runner-up
- 2023 Osaka Women's Marathon Champion
- 2022 Rotterdam Marathon Champion

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/27/25	London Marathon	4th	2:19:17
10/20/24	Amsterdam Marathon	2nd	2:19:29
09/17/23	Sydney Marathon	7th	2:30:45
04/23/25	London Marathon	DNF	
01/29/23	Osaka Women's Marathon	1st	2:21:13
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	DNF	
04/10/22	Rotterdam Marathon	1st	2:22:01



## MARY NGUGI-COOPER | KENYA

**BIRTHDATE:** December 17, 1988

**AGE:** 36

**RESIDENCE:** Kenya

PERSONAL BEST: 2:20:22 (London, 2022)

Since her 2006 international debut when she won the bronze medal in the 5000m at the World Junior Championships, Mary Ngugi-Cooper has been amongst the top distance runners in the world. The Kenyan now comes to Chicago for the first time seeking her first Abbott World Marathon Majors victory to go along with her eight top 10 finishes in series races. That includes a second and third place finish in Boston in 2021 and 2022, respectively. At this year's Boston, she finished just outside the top 10, placing 11th. In 2022, Ngugi-Cooper founded the Nala Track Club in Kenya to help provide young Kenyan women an opportunity for success in semi-

professional running through a supportive and safe training camp experience. She is the widow of Sammy Wanjiru, the 2009 and 2010 Chicago Marathon champion who passed away in 2011. The couple have a daughter together. Ngugi is coached by British middle distance legend Steve Cram.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2024 Great North Run Champion
- 2024 Rome Half Marathon Champion
- 2021 Boston Marathon runner-up
- 2016 BAA Half Marathon Champion
- 2016 Houston Half Marathon Champion
- Bronze medalist, 2016 World Half Marathon Championships
- Bronze medalist, 2006 World Junior Championships (5000m)

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	11th	2:24:39
09/08/24	Great North Run	1st	1:07:40
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	6th	2:24:24
03/03/24	Rome Half Marathon	1st	1:07:38
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	5th	2:27:53
04/17/23	Boston Marathon	9th	2:24:33
10/02/22	London Marathon	7th	2:20:22
04/18/22	Boston Marathon	3rd	2:21:32
10/11/21	Boston Marathon	2nd	2:25:20
11/03/19	New York City Marathon	10th	2:27:36
04/15/19	Boston Marathon	7th	2:28:33



## **CALLI HAUGER-THACKERY | GREAT BRITAIN**

**BIRTHDATE:** January 9, 1993

**AGE:** 32

**RESIDENCE:** Flagstaff, AZ

PERSONAL BEST: 2:21:24 (Berlin, 2024)

A strong finish to 2024 has carried over to a momentous 2025 for Calli Hauger-Thackery. In December, she won the California International Marathon in Sacramento. Two months later, she was runner-up at the Kagawa Marugame Half Marathon in Japan in a new personal best of 1:06:58, making her the second fastest Great British woman in history. She's also the second fastest Great British marathoner in history, thanks to her 2:21:24 at the 2024 BMW Berlin Marathon. Hauger-Thackery's 2025 has also included a victory at the Gate River 15K in Florida, a third place finish at the New York City Half Marathon and sixth in the Boston Marathon presented by Bank of

America. Last year, she represented Great Britain in the marathon at the Paris Olympics. Hauger-Thackery was an All-American at the University of New Mexico and lives and trains in Flagstaff, AZ.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Second fastest British marathoner
- Sixth place, 2025 Boston Marathon
- 2024 Paris Olympian (Marathon)
- Bronze medalist, 2024 European Athletics Championships (Half Marathon)
- 2023 The Big Half Champion

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	6th	2:22:38
02/02/25	Marugame Half Marathon	2nd	1:06:58
12/08/24	California International Marathon	1st	2:24:28
09/29/24	Berlin Marathon	7th	2:21:24
09/01/24	The Big Half	2nd	1:09:35
04/21/24	London Marathon	DNF	
09/03/23	The Big Half	1st	1:09:15
04/23/23	London Marathon	DNF	
10/02/22	London Marathon	DNF	



# **LINDSAY FLANAGAN | UNITED STATES**

BIRTHDATE: January 24, 1991

**AGE:** 34

**RESIDENCE:** Boulder, CO

PERSONAL BEST: 2:23:31 (Chicago, 2024)

Lindsay Flanagan has three top 10 finishes in Chicago, including last year when she was the second American finisher in a personal best of 2:23:31. Flanagan is a three-time U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Marathon qualifier and represented the United States at the 2017 World Championship Marathon in London and the 2023 World Championship Marathon in Budapest. Originally from nearby Roselle, IL, Flanagan was an Illinois state champion in cross country and the state's 2008 Gatorade High School Cross Country Athlete of the Year. She was an All-American at the University of Washington and lives in Boulder, CO.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Second American, 2024 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- Three-time U.S. Olympic Team Trials Marathon competitor (2016, 2020, 2024)
- Ninth place, 2023 World Athletics Championships (Marathon)
- 2022 Gold Coast Marathon Champion

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/16/25	NYC Half Marathon	12th	1:09:57
01/19/25	Houston Half Marathon	13th	1:09:17
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	9th	2:23:31
03/05/23	Tokyo Marathon	7th	2:26:08
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	11th	2:29:28
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	10th	2:33:20
10/04/20	London Marathon	17th	2:37:16
10/13/19	Chicago Marathon	7th	2:28:08
04/15/19	Boston Marathon	9th	2:30:07
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	11th	2:34:44



# **NATOSHA ROGERS | UNITED STATES**

BIRTHDATE: May 7, 1991

**AGE:** 34

**RESIDENCE:** Denver, CO

**PERSONAL BEST:** 2:23:51 (Nagoya, 2025)

Natosha Rogers finally had the marathon breakthrough she was seeking this spring with her 2:23:51 performance at the Nagoya Women's Marathon in Japan. In the buildup to that race, she set a massive personal best in the half marathon at the Aramco Houston Half Marathon in January. Rogers represented the United States in the 10,000m at the 2022 World Athletics Championships in Oregon and in the 5000m and 10,000m at the 2023 World Athletics Championships in Budapest. She was the 2020 U.S. Cross Country champion and the 2012 NCAA 10,000m champion.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Seventh place, 2025 Nagoya Women's Marathon
- Fifth place, 2025 Houston Half Marathon
- 2022 Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K Run Champion
- Silver medalist, 2012 USA Championships (10,000m)

Date	Race	Place	Time
03/09/25	Nagoya Women's Marathon	7th	2:23:51
01/19/25	Houston Half Marathon	5th	1:08:35
02/03/24	U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Marathon	28th	2:34:51
11/12/23	B.A.A. Half Marathon	15th	1:10:57



## FLORENCIA BORELLI | ARGENTINA

BIRTHDATE: October 30, 1992

**AGE:** 32

**RESIDENCE:** Argentina

**PERSONAL BEST:** 2:24:18 (Seville, 2024)

Florencia Borelli makes her U.S. marathon debut at the 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon after successful performances at other distances in U.S. road races. Borelli was fourth at the Gate River 15K in February of this year. Last year, she was third at the Manchester Road Race and won the 8K at the Philadelphia Marathon. She represented Argentina in the marathon at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and won the silver medal at the 2023 Pan American Games Marathon. She started her competitive career as the 2009 South American Junior Champion in the 3000m steeplechase.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Silver medalist, 2025 South American Athletics Championships (10,000m)
- 2024 Paris Olympian (Marathon)
- Silver medalist, 2023 Pan American Games (Marathon)
- 2022 South American Athletics Champion (10,000m)

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Date	Race	Place	Time
08/11/24	Olympic Marathon	20th	2:29:29
02/18/24	Seville Marathon	7th	2:24:18
10/22/23	Pan American Games Marathon	2nd	2:27:29
08/21/22	South American Half Marathon Championships	7th	1:09:31
02/20/22	Seville Marathon	12th	2:26:54



# **GABI ROOKER | UNITED STATES**

BIRTHDATE: October 9, 1987

**AGE:** 38

**RESIDENCE:** Minneapolis, MN

PERSONAL BEST: 2:24:29 (Chicago, 2024)

A six-time NCAA Division III champion gymnast, Gabi Rooker's move to the marathon has been a smashing success. Rooker started running after college, ran a 2:56 marathon in 2021 and within two years shaved 32 minutes off her personal best. Rooker's breakthrough came when she finished third at Grandma's Marathon, then ran 2:24:35 to finish 11th in the 2023 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Rooker works as a physician assistant and lives and trains with Mill City Running in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Third place, 2023 Grandma's Marathon
- 2024 U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon competitor
- Eighth place, 2022 California International Marathon

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	22nd	2:32:13
03/02/25	USA Half Marathon Championships	22nd	1:12:29
10/13/24	Bank of America Chicago Marathon	12th	2:24:29
02/03/24	U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Marathon	19th	2:31:25
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	11th	2:24:35
06/17/23	Grandma's Marathon	3rd	2:27:38



# **DAKOTAH POPEHN | UNITED STATES**

BIRTHDATE: May 1, 1995

**AGE:** 30

**RESIDENCE:** Minneapolis, MN

PERSONAL BEST: 2:24:40 (Chicago, 2023)

Dakotah Popehn returns to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon after setting her personal best here in 2023. A lot has happened since then. Popehn finished third at last year's U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Marathon, securing a spot in the Olympics. In Paris, she was the top American finisher in the marathon with her 11th place result. This summer, she set a new half marathon personal best running 1:07:42 at the Antrim Coast Half Marathon in Northern Ireland. Popehn is a two-time Grandma's Marathon Champion. She's running the 2025 Bank of America Chicago

Marathon to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2024 Paris Olympian (Marathon)
- Third place, 2024 U.S. Olympic Team Trials Marathon
- 2021 and 2022 Grandma's Marathon Champion

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/24/25	Antrim Coast Half Marathon	6th	1:07:42
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	16th	2:26:09
03/16/25	NYC Half Marathon	13th	1:10:18
03/02/25	USA Half Marathon Championships	10th	1:09:57
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	17th	2:31:45
08/11/24	Olympic Marathon	11th	2:26:44
02/03/24	U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Marathon	3rd	2:25:31
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	12th	2:24:40
04/17/23	Boston Marathon	26th	2:33:53
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	DNF	
04/18/22	Boston Marathon	14th	2:29:55
10/11/21	Boston Marathon	12th	2:31:04



# **MÉLODY JULIEN | FRANCE**

**BIRTHDATE:** May 13, 1999

**AGE:** 26

**RESIDENCE:** France

PERSONAL BEST: 2:25:01 (Valencia, 2023)

A five-time national champion in the 10,000m and the half marathon, Mélody Julien comes to Chicago as the fifth fastest French marathoner in history. She represented the host country in the marathon at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Competing over a wide range of distances and terrains, Julien has also represented France at the European Cross Country Championships and competed in the 1500m as a U23 competitor. In 2018, Mélody twice broke the French junior record: in the 15 km and in the half marathon.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Eighth place, 2025 Seville Marathon
- 10th place, 2025 European Running Championships (Marathon)
- 2024 Paris Olympian (Marathon)

Date	Race	Place	Time
04/13/25	European Running Championship	10th	2:33:41
02/23/25	Seville Marathon	8th	2:26:44
08/11/24	Olympic Marathon	73rd	2:42:32
12/03/23	Valencia Marathon	18th	2:25:01
05/07/23	Prague Marathon	5th	2:29:07
08/15/22	European Athletics Championship	14th	2:32:19
02/20/22	Seville Marathon	21th	2:31:39



## **LOICE CHEMNUNG | KENYA**

BIRTHDATE: February 22, 1997

**AGE:** 28

**RESIDENCE:** Kenya

PERSONAL BEST: DEBUT

Loice Chemnung went undefeated in races she finished from September of 2024 to August of this year. That includes the 2025 Kenyan Championship in the 10,000m, her second consecutive win at the Malaga Half Marathon and the Tokyo Legacy Half Marathon. Her sole defeat, a second place finish at the Antrim Coast Half Marathon in August where she clocked a 1:06:06. Chemnung dropped out of the Osaka Women's Marathon in January just after the 30K mark and now looks to make a proper marathon debut at the 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2025 Kenyan Champion (10,000m)
- 2025 and 2024 Malaga Half Marathon Champion
- 2024 Tokyo Legacy Half Marathon Champion

Date	Race	Place	Time
08/25/25	Antrim Coast Half Marathon	2nd	1:06:06
03/23/25	Malaga Half Marathon	1st	1:05:46
01/26/24	Osaka Women's Marathon	DNF	
10/20/24	Tokyo Legacy Half Marathon	1st	1:07:27
08/25/24	Antrim Coast Half Marathon	2nd	1:06:47
04/05/24	Paris Marathon 10K	2nd	29:57
03/10/24	Malaga Half Marathon	1st	1:05:58



## **EJGAYEHU TAYE | ETHIOPIA**

BIRTHDATE: February 10, 2000

**AGE**: 25

**RESIDENCE:** Ethiopia **PERSONAL BEST:** DEBUT

Ejgayehu Taye, the 2023 World Championship bronze medalist in the 10,000m, will make her much-anticipated marathon debut at the 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Last year, Taye turned heads with her half marathon debut when she ran 1:04:14 in Valencia to finish fourth, the eighth fastest time in history. Taye tried her hand at the half again this past February, winning the Ras Al Khaimah Half in 1:05:52. Since then, the two-time Olympian at 5,000m has focused on the track. She won the 5000m and the 3000m at the inaugural Grand Slam Track event in Kingston, Jamaica and was fourth in the 3000m at the Diamond League meeting in Rabat. Taye also

won the bronze medal in the 3000m at the 2022 World Indoor Championships. She held the world record in the road 5k from 2021 to 2024.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2025 Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon Champion
- 2024 Paris Olympian (5000m)
- Bronze medalist, 2023 World Athletics Championships (10,000m)
- 2020 Tokyo Olympian (5000m)

Date	Race	Place	Time
02/01/25	Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon	1st	1:05:52
10/27/24	Valencia Half Marathon	4th	1:04:14
10/01/23	World Athletics Road Running Championship (5K)	3rd	14:21



## **EMILY VENTERS | UNITED STATES**

BIRTHDATE: June 6, 1999

**AGE**: 26

RESIDENCE: Provo, UT PERSONAL BEST: DEBUT

Emily Venters introduced road racing into her schedule in 2024 and has found success early. She was runner-up in the USATF 5km Championships in New York City last fall. This year, she made her half marathon debut with a 1:08:48 seventh place finish in Houston, and led the early miles of the USA Half Marathon Championships in Atlanta before ultimately finishing fifth. She will make her marathon debut at the 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. On the track, Venters broke 15:00 in the 5000m for the first time, running 14:58 indoors at Boston University. Venters was a three-time All-American at the University of Utah where she set school records in the

5,000m and 10,000m. She is coached by two-time Olympian and 1994 Chicago runner-up Ed Eyestone and trains with Conner Mantz and former American record holder Keira D'Amato.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Seventh place, 2025 Aramco Houston Half Marathon (distance debut)
- Runner up, 2024 USATF 5K Championships
- Three-time All-American Track & Field at the University of Utah

Date	Race	Place	Time
06/07/25	New York Mini 10K	17th	32:30
03/02/25	USA Half Marathon Championships	5th	1:09:03
01/19/25	Houston Half Marathon	7th	1:08:48
08/03/24	Beach to Beacon 10K	6th	32:36
11/02/24	Dash to the Finish 5K	2nd	15:25

## PROFESSIONAL MEN - WHEELCHAIR FIELD



## **MARCEL HUG | SWITZERLAND**

BIRTHDATE: January 16, 1986

**AGE:** 39

**RESIDENCE:** Switzerland

PERSONAL BEST: 1:17:47 (Oita, 2021) World Record

The most dominant wheelchair racer of all time, Marcel Hug is a five-time Chicago champion, winning his fifth title last year. He set the course record here in 2022 and again in 2023. He is also an eight-time champion at both the Berlin and Boston Marathons, winning Berlin last in 2024 and Boston in the spring of this year. A week later, he won his seventh TCS London Marathon. Hug is a six-time Abbott World Marathon Majors series champion. At the 2024 Paralympics, Hug won a silver medal in the 5000m (behind Daniel Romanchuk) and in the marathon he dominated, winning by nearly

four minutes to win his third consecutive Paralympic Marathon.

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

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Six-time Paralympian
- Marathon world record holder, 1:17:47 (Oita, 2021)
- Abbott World Marathon Majors Series X, XI, XIII, XIV, XV and XVI champion
- 2016, 2017, 2022, 2023 and 2024 Chicago Marathon champion
- Chicago Marathon course record holder
- Eight-time Berlin Marathon champion
- Eight-time Boston Marathon champion
- Seven-time London Marathon champion
- Six-time New York City Marathon champion
- Seven-time Paralympic gold medalist
- Five-time Paralympic silver medalist
- Two-time Paralympic bronze medalist
- 10-time World Para Athletics Championship gold medalist

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



## **AARON PIKE | UNITED STATES**

BIRTHDATE: May 4, 1986

**AGE**: 39

RESIDENCE: Champaign, IL

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

Whether it's in the snow or on the roads, Aaron Pike makes podiums and wins medals. Earlier this year, he won the gold medal in the World Cup Para Biathlon Sprint in Sweden. By the summer, he was finishing as the runner-up at Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, a race he has won five times and where he set the course record in 2022. Pike is a mainstay in Chicago with 14 top 10 finishes, including fourth here in 2023 and third place finishes in 2021 and 2022. He was seventh last year. In 2024, Pike made his seventh Paralympic appearance where he finished seventh in the marathon. At last year's World Para Nordic Skiing Championships, he won the 12.5 km seated event and

finished second in the 7.5 km sprint and 10 km events. Pike is engaged to Paralympic gold medalist Oksana Masters.

### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Runner-up, 2023 and 2024 Chicago 13.1
- 3rd place, 2021 and 2022 Chicago Marathon
- Seven-time Paralympian (winter and summer Paralympic Games)
- Five-time Grandma's Marathon champion
- 2022 Boston Marathon, runner up
- 14 top 10 finishes at the Chicago Marathon

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



## **JOHNBOY SMITH | GREAT BRITAIN**

BIRTHDATE: November 27, 1989

**AGE:** 35

**RESIDENCE:** England

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

Johnboy Smith scored his fourth top 10 at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon with his ninth place finish last year. He was sixth in the 2022 Bank of America Chicago Marathon and fourth in 2019 and 2021. Earlier this year, he was ninth at the Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America. Smith had the best year of his career in 2022 when he won his first gold medal in the marathon at the Commonwealth Games, finished third at the Boston Marathon and was runner-up with a personal best of 1:20:05 at Grandma's Marathon in Duluth. Smith, who became paralyzed in 2006 at the age of 16 when he was mistaken for a poacher and shot in the back,

took up powerlifting and broke two British records. He discovered track and field in 2012 while watching the London Paralympic Games on TV. Shortly thereafter, he took up the discus, shot put and javelin. He switched to wheelchair racing in 2015. He and his wife are the parents of twins.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

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

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



# HIROKI NISHIDA | JAPAN

BIRTHDATE: March 11, 1984

**AGE**: 41

**RESIDENCE:** Japan

PERSONAL BEST: 1:20:28 (Boston, 2017)

A consistent top 10 finisher at the Tokyo Marathon, Nishida finished fourth here in Chicago in 2018. Nishida has been competing in the Abbott World Marathon Majors for more than 12 years, but is still seeking his first victory. Born in Osaka, he became interested in wheelchair racing after watching a wheelchair marathon on TV.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 5th, 2025 Tokyo Marathon
- 3rd, 2022 Tokyo Marathon
- 3rd, 2021 Oita International Wheelchair Marathon

Year	Race	Place	Time
03/02/25	Tokyo Marathon	5th	1:31:03
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	18th	1:39:35
09/15/24	Sydney Marathon	6th	1:49:53
4/21/24	London Marathon	20th	1:51:04
03/03/24	Tokyo Marathon	6th	1:31:16
09/24/23	Berlin Marathon	10th	1:31:22
4/17/23	Boston Marathon	21st	1:47:38
4/18/22	Boston Marathon	9th	1:38:53
03/05/22	Tokyo Marathon	3rd	1:29:55
10/11/21	Boston Marathon	10th	1:35:11
10/3/21	London Marathon	10th	1:35:56
10/13/19	Chicago Marathon	9th	1:33:39
09/29/19	Berlin Marathon	4th	1:31:46
04/28/19	London Marathon	8th	1:37:34
04/15/19	Boston Marathon	10th	1:31:43
10/07/18	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:33:27
04/22/18	London Marathon	7th	1:31:25
4/17/17	Boston Marathon	5th	1:20:28
4/18/16	Boston Marathon	9th	1:32:34
4/20/15	Boston Marathon	19th	1:47:08



# **DANIEL ROMANCHUK | UNITED STATES**

**BIRTHDATE:** August 3, 1998

**AGE:** 27

**RESIDENCE:** Champaign, IL

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

Daniel Romanchuk has been either first or second in the last six editions of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. He's won three times and finished second to Marcel Hug the other three times, including last year. Weeks later, he won the TCS New York City Marathon for the second time. He also has victories in Boston and London, but Chicago is where Romanchuk broke the tape of an Abbott World Marathon Major for the first time with his 2018 victory. In 2021, he won a bronze medal in the marathon at the Tokyo Paralympics and a gold medal on the track in the 400m. Romanchuk has won

three editions of the Bank of America Chicago 13.1. In July, he won the AJC Peachtree Road Race in Atlanta for the ninth consecutive time. At this summer's U.S. Para Championships he won the 400m, 1500m and 5000m. He operates the non-profit Wheels For Change, which supports physically disabled athletes learning the sport of wheelchair racing.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2024 Paralympic gold medalist, 5000m
- 2024 Paralympic bronze medalist, 400
- 2023 and 2024 Chicago 13.1 champion
- Runner-up, 2022 and 2024 Chicago Marathon
- Three-time Chicago Marathon champion
- Three-time Paralympian (2016, 2020, 2024)
- 2020 Paralympic gold medalist, 400m
- 2022 Boston Marathon champion
- 2019 and 2024 New York City Marathon champion
- 2019 London Marathon champion
- First men's American wheelchair racer to win both the Boston and London Marathons
- First and youngest American male wheelchair racer to ever win the New York City Marathon
- 2019 World Para Athletics gold medalist, 800m and marathon

Year	Race	Place	Time
04/27/25	London Marathon	5th	1:30:31
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	2nd	1:25:58
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	1st	1:36:31
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:25:58
09/08/24	Paris Paralympic Marathon	4th	1:32:23
06/09/24	Chicago 13.1	1st	43:44
04/21/24	London Marathon	2nd	1:29:06

Year	Race	Place	Time
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	2nd	1:20:37
03/03/24	Tokyo Marathon	2nd	1:28:33
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	2nd	1:30:07
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:31:34
09/24/23	Berlin Marathon	2nd	1:30:16
06/04/23	Chicago 13.1	1st	43:54
04/17/23	Boston Marathon	2nd	1:27:45
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	2nd	1:27:38
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:33:11
09/25/22	Berlin Marathon	2nd	1:28:54
04/18/22	Boston Marathon	1st	1:26:58
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:29:07
09/05/21	Tokyo Paralympic Marathon	3rd	1:29:05
11/03/19	New York City Marathon	1st	1:37:24
10/13/19	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:30:26
04/15/19	Boston Marathon	1st	1:21:36
10/07/18	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:31:34



## RAFAEL BOTELLO JIMENEZ | SPAIN

BIRTHDATE: February 23, 1979

**AGE**: 46

**RESIDENCE:** Spain

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

Rafael Botello Jimenez – "Rafa" – has finished in the top ten at Chicago seven times, most recently in 2022 when he finished in ninth. Last year, he just missed out, with an 11th place finish. Botello Jimenez has competed in nearly 65 Abbott World Marathon Major events since 2005. His best finish is a third place performance in the 2010 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Botello Jimenez finished in the top 10 of the 2012 London Paralympic marathon. He is the winner of the 2007 and 2010 Valencia Marathon, 2016 Paris

Marathon and 2018 Rome Marathon. Botello Jimenez is the Spanish record holder in the 1500m, mile, 5K, 10K and marathon, and he currently holds the world record for the most distance covered in one hour. He also competes for Spain in the para-triathlon and para-cycling. Botello Jimenez started competing in wheelchair racing in 2003 one year after he endured a dorsal spinal cord injury because of a bicycle accident.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Seven top 10 finishes in the Chicago Marathon
- Competed in more than 60 Abbott World Marathon Majors
- 2008 and 2012 Paralympian (1500m, 5000m, marathon)
- 2018 Rome Marathon champion
- 2016 Paris Marathon champion
- 2007 and 2010 Valencia Marathon champion
- Spanish national record holder 1500m, mile, 5K, 10K and marathon

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

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



## **JETZE PLAT | NETHERLANDS**

BIRTHDATE: June 10, 1991

**AGE:** 34

**RESIDENCE:** Netherlands

**PERSONAL BEST:** 1:24:28 (Dubai, 2023)

Jetze Plat is knocking on the door of his first marathon win. He has six podium finishes since 2022 including a second place finish at the 2023 TCS London Marathon. He was third at the 2023 Bank of America Chicago Marathon and fifth here last year. At the 2024 Paralympics, Plat won his third consecutive gold medal in the paratriathlon, two gold medals in para cycling and then went on to finish ninth in the marathon. Plat was born with a shorter left upper leg and no ligaments in his left knee. In 2008 his lower right leg was amputated. He became a competitive triathlete in 2013. He and

his partner welcomed a baby boy, Jenning, at the end of 2024.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Four-time Paralympic gold medalist, para cycling
- Three-time Paralympic gold medalist, triathlon
- Paralympic bronze medalist, para cycling
- Third, 2023 & 2025 Boston Marathon
- Runner-up, 2023 London Marathon
- Third, 2025 London Marathon

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



### **SIMON LAWSON | GREAT BRITAIN**

BIRTHDATE: June 6, 1982

**AGE:** 43

**RESIDENCE:** England

**PERSONAL BEST:** 1:25:06 (Boston, 2017)

Simon Lawson is a two-time bronze medalist at the Commonwealth Games, making his first podium in 2018 then following it up four years later. He represented Great Britain at the 2016 Rio Olympics where his hydration system burst before the start of the race leading to a disappointing 14th place finish. In 2017, he set what was then a British record at the Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America. Lawson grew up riding BMX bikes before moving to motorcycle racing where he was a junior British Speedway champion. A crash during practice in 2001 paralysed him from the chest

down. He took up wheelchair racing in 2015 and finished 10th in his debut at the London Marathon.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Bronze medalist, 2018 Commonwealth Games Marathon
- Bronze medalist, 2022 Commonwealth Games Marathon
- 2016 Paralympian, Marathon

Year	Race	Place	Time
04/27/25	London Marathon	16th	1:38:01
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	14th	1:40:38
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	16th	1:50:49
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	13th	1:33:20



### **BRIAN SIEMANN | UNITED STATES**

**BIRTHDATE:** October 7, 1989

**AGE:** 36

**RESIDENCE:** Champaign, IL

**PERSONAL BEST:** 1:26:46 (Boston, 2017)

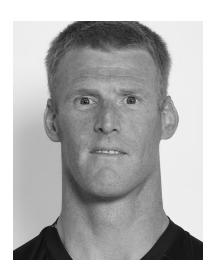
A four-time Paralympian, Brian Siemann finally claimed his first medal at the 2024 Paris Games where he won bronze in the 400m and 800m. Siemann also won two bronze medals at the 2023 World Para Championships with his performances in the 400m and the 800m. At this summer's U.S. Para Championships, he won the 100m, 400m and 800m. Seimann made his Chicago debut in 2023 with an 11th place finish. He was 14th here last year. A quadruplet, Seimann was born prematurely and became paralyzed at just six days old when a mistake by a doctor caused him to lose a third

of his blood. In 2016, Siemann and his three siblings became the first quadruplets to finish the New York City Marathon.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2024 Paralympian, 100m, 400m, 800m, 5000m, marathon
- 2020 Paralympian, 100m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, marathon
- 2016 Paralympian, 100m, 400m, 800m
- 2012 Paralympian, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, marathon

Year	Race	Place	Time
04/27/25	London Marathon	17th	1:38:50
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	13th	1:40:37
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	14th	1:50:41
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	14th	1:33:23



## **GEERT SCHIPPER | NETHERLANDS**

**BIRTHDATE:** September 20, 1977

**AGE:** 48

**RESIDENCE:** Netherlands

PERSONAL BEST: 1:26:51 (London, 2025)

A paratriathlon legend, Geert Schipper will make his Bank of America Chicago Marathon debut at the age of 48. Schipper is not showing any signs of slowing down. He won the bronze medal in the paratriathlon at the 2024 Paris Paralympics, eight years after winning the silver medal in Rio. He was the gold medalist in the event at the 2023 World Para Championships, his eighth medal but first victory. Schipper is also a two-time European champion, his most recent victory coming just last year. Injured in a flying accident in 2004, Schipper has proven to be a formidable competitor in the marathon as well. He cracked the top 10 at both Boston

and London this year. He won last year's Paris Marathon as well at the United Airlines New York City Half Marathon. Schipper is the founder of Sportisleven, an organization that organizes sports clinics and adventure trips for people with a disability.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 4th, 2025 London Marathon
- Winner, 2024 Paris Marathon
- Winner, 2024 Cape Town Marathon
- Bronze medal, 2024 Paralympic triathlon
- Silver medal, 2016 Paralympic triathlon

Year	Race	Place	Time
04/27/25	London Marathon	4th	1:26:51
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	7th	1:33:35
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	8th	1:41:29
04/07/24	Paris Marathon	1st	1:34:36
10/18/23	Cape Town Marathon	1st	1:32:09

#### PROFESSIONAL WOMEN - WHEELCHAIR FIELD



## **SUSANNAH SCARONI | UNITED STATES**

**BIRTHDATE:** May 16, 1991

**AGE:** 34

**RESIDENCE:** Champaign, IL

**PERSONAL BEST:** 1:27:31 (Duluth, 2022)

Bad luck bit Susannah Scaroni during the 2024 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. She dealt with a flat front tire three miles into the race and battled back to finish 12th. Since then, the 2022 Chicago champion hasn't been off the podium. She won the 2024 TCS New York City Marathon, then started 2025 with a second place finish in Tokyo. In 2025, she won the Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America for the second time and was second in London a week later. In July, she won the 5000m, 1500m and 800m at the U.S. Para Championships in Eugene. She also won the AJC Peachtree Road Race in Atlanta for the fourth consecutive year. At the 2024 Paris Paralym-

pics, Scaroni won a medal in every event in which she competed: Bronze in the 800m,1500m and the marathon, and silver in the 5000m. This will be her 11th Chicago appearance. Scaroni is a registered dietitian.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2025 and 2023 Boston Marathon champion
- 2024 Paralympic silver medalist, 5000m
- 2024 Paralympic bronze medalist, 800m, 1500m and marathon
- 2025, 2023 and 2022 Chicago 13.1 champion
- 2022 and 2024 New York City Marathon champion
- 2022 Chicago Marathon champion
- Four-time Paralympian (2012, 2016, 2020, 2024)
- 2020 Paralympic gold medalist (5000m) and bronze medalist (800m)
- 2019 World Para Athletics Championships bronze medal, 5000m
- 5000m world record holder
- 10K world record holder
- Marathon world best, set in 2022 in Duluth, 1:27:31

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Year	Race	Place	Time
04/27/25	London Marathon	2nd	1:38:08
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	1st	1:35:20
03/02/25	Tokyo Marathon	2nd	1:36:28
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	1st	1:48:05
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	12th	1:56:20
09/08/24	Paris Paralympic Marathon	3rd	1:46:29
03/17/24	New York City Half Marathon	1st	53:50
03/03/24	Tokyo Marathon	3rd	1:41:35
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	3rd	1:48:14
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:38:46
06/04/23	Chicago 13.1	1st	48:22
04/23/23	London Marathon	4th	1:38:57

Year	Race	Place	Time
04/17/23	Boston Marathon	1st	1:41:45
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	1st	1:42:43
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:45:48
10/02/22	London Marathon	2nd	1:42:21
09/25/22	Berlin Marathon	3rd	1:36:51
06/18/22	Grandma's Marathon	1st	1:27:31
09/05/21	Tokyo Paralympic Marathon	6th	1:41:04
11/03/19	New York City Marathon	3rd	1:51:37
10/07/19	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:45:29
10/08/17	Chicago Marathon	7th	1:44:11
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	5th	1:52:50
09/05/16	Rio de Janeiro Paralympic Marathon	7th	1:38:47
10/11/15	Chicago Marathon	6th	1:50:10
10/12/14	Chicago Marathon	7th	1:51:56
10/07/12	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:56:30
09/09/12	London Paralympic Marathon	8th	1:58:37
10/09/11	Chicago Marathon	7th	2:02:51



# **MANUELA SCHÄR | SWITZERLAND**

**BIRTHDATE:** December 5, 1984

**AGE:** 40

**RESIDENCE:** Switzerland

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

Manuela Schär is a six-time Paralympian with three gold medals, five silver medals and two bronze medals. Her most recent gold medal came last summer when she broke her own Paralympic record and won a gold in the 800m in Paris. She took silver in the 400m and just missed the podium in the marathon, placing fourth. Schär made her Bank of America Chicago Marathon debut in 2013, and in nine appearances she has two victories, five second-place finishes (including last year), one third-place finish and one fourth-place finish. One of the greatest women's wheelchair athletes of all time, in 2018

and 2019 Schär won 10 marathons in a row, including Chicago twice. She also set the world record in Oita, Japan of 1:35:42 (She has clocked a faster time in Boston, but it is not a record eligible course). In total, she has collected nearly 50 top four finishes among the six Abbott World Marathon Majors, including 19 wins and 15 runner-up finishes. She is the Series XI, XII and XIII champion.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2024 Paralympic gold medalist, 800m
- 2024 Tokyo Marathon champion
- Marathon official world record holder, 1:35:42
- AbbottWMM Series XI, XII and XIII champion
- Six-time Paralympian
- 2020 Paralympic silver medalist, marathon
- 2018 and 2019 Chicago Marathon champion
- 2013 World Championship gold medalist, marathon

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Year	Race	Place	Time
04/27/25	London Marathon	3rd	1:41:06
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	3rd	1:39:18
03/02/25	Tokyo Marathon	4th	1:37:51
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	3rd	1:59:20
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:39:03
09/08/24	Paris Paralympic Marathon	4th	1:49:42
04/24/24	London Marathon	2nd	1:45:00
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	2nd	1:36:41
03/03/24	Tokyo Marathon	1st	1:40:10
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	2nd	1:47:54
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:41:19
09/24/23	Berlin Marathon	3rd	1:34:17
04/23/23	London Marathon	2nd	1:38:52

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



### **TATYANA MCFADDEN | UNITED STATES**

BIRTHDATE: April 21, 1989

**AGE:** 36

**RESIDENCE:** Baltimore, MD

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

No athlete has had more success in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon than Tatyana McFadden. In 15 appearances, she has nine victories, two runner-up finishes,three third-place finishes (including 2024), and finished seventh in 2018. McFadden went to her seventh Paralympic Games last summer and represented the United States in the 100m, 400m, 800m and the marathon where she finished in seventh place. She now has 22 Paralympic medals, including eight golds. McFadden made her marathon debut in Chicago in 2009. She won in a sprint finish between four other women with just three seconds separating them when they crossed the

finish line. McFadden has won 24 Abbott World Marathon Major marathons since 2009. She is a five-time winner of the London, Boston, and New York City Marathons. After her podium finish here in Chicago last year, she was runner-up in the TCS New York City Marathon. At this summer's U.S. Para Championships she won the 100m and 400m. In August, she won the ASICS Falmouth Road Race for the sixth time, narrowly missing her own course record.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Nine-time Chicago Marathon champion
- Seven-time Paralympian
- 22 Paralympic medals, including eight gold medals
- 24 Abbott World Marathon Majors victories
- Four Grand Slams in the Abbott World Marathon Majors
- 2020 inducted into the Road Runners Club of America Hall of Fame
- 2016 ESPY award for Best Female Athlete with a Disability
- Producer and Emmy Award winner, "Rising Phoenix", Best Long Sports Documentary

Year	Race	Place	Time
04/27/25	London Marathon	5th	1:46:50
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	5th	1:48:52
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	2nd	1:58:47
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:41:59
09/08/24	Paris Paralympic Marathon	7th	1:53:52
04/21/24	London Marathon	3rd	1:45:51
03/17/24	New York City Half Marathon	2nd	58:42
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	6th	1:53:31
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:41:17
11/03/22	New York City Marathon	8th	1:52:59
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:49:46
11/07/21	New York City Marathon	2nd	1:53:59
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:48:57
09/26/21	Berlin Marathon	2nd	1:38:54
09/05/21	Tokyo Paralympic Marathon	5th	1:40:14

Year	Race	Place	Time
10/13/19	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:45:22
04/16/18	Boston Marathon	1st	2:04:39
10/07/18	Chicago Marathon	7th	1:56:35
10/08/17	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:39:15
11/06/16	New York City Marathon	1st	1:47:43
10/19/16	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:42:28
09/18/16	Rio de Janeiro Paralympic Marathon	2nd	1:38:44
04/24/16	London Marathon	1st	1:44:14
04/18/16	Boston Marathon	1st	1:42:16
11/01/15	New York City Marathon	1st	1:43:04
10/11/15	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:41:10
04/26/15	London Marathon	1st	1:41:14
04/20/15	Boston Marathon	1st	1:52:54
11/02/14	New York City Marathon	1st	1:42:16
10/12/14	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:44:50
04/21/14	Boston Marathon	1st	1:35:06
04/13/14	London Marathon	1st	1:45:12
11/03/13	New York City Marathon	1st	1:59:13
10/13/13	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:42:35
04/21/13	London Marathon	1st	1:46:02
04/15/13	Boston Marathon	1st	1:45:24
10/07/12	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:49:52
09/09/12	London Paralympic Marathon	10th	1:58:47
10/09/11	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:45:03
11/07/10	New York City Marathon	1st	2:02:22
10/10/10	Chicago Marathon	3rd	1:56:11
10/11/09	Chicago Marathon	1st	1:50:47



### **CATHERINE DEBRUNNER | SWITZERLAND**

BIRTHDATE: April 11, 1995

**AGE:** 30

**RESIDENCE:** Switzerland

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

Catherine Debrunner is two for two in Chicago. At her U.S. debut in 2023, she had to outsprint Susannah Scaroni for the win. Last year, she won by nearly three minutes. Her 2025 has been just as good as her 2024 was. She won Tokyo and London and also set a world record in the 100m. Debrunner now owns the world record in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and marathon in the T53 classifications.

At the 2024 Paris Paralympics, Debrunner won gold in the 400m, 800m, 1500, 5000m, and the marathon, setting four Paralympic records in the process. She won the marathon by more than four minutes. Debrunner also

competed in the 100m and won the silver medal. Since winning her debut in Berlin in 2022, she has won eight of the ten Abbott World Marathon Majors in which she has competed. Debrunner started racing in 2015, qualifying for the World Para Athletics Championships and winning a silver medal in 200m. She then took a break to go to university before returning to the 2019 World Championships and winning gold in the 400m and silver in the 800m. Debrunner won the gold medal in the 400m in the Tokyo Paralympics. She is the 2023 Laureus Sports Person of the Year with a Disability.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2025 Tokyo Marathon champion
- 2024 Paralympic gold medalist, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m and marathon
- 2024 Paralympic silver medalist, 100m
- 2024 and 2025 London Marathon champion
- 2023 New York City Marathon champion
- 2023 and 2024 Chicago Marathon champion
- 2023 Berlin Marathon champion
- 2023 World Para Athletics Championships gold medalist, (400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m)
- 2023 World Para Athletics Championships silver medalist, (100m)
- 2023 Laureus Sports Person of the Year with a Disability
- 2022 London Marathon champion
- 2022 Berlin Marathon champion
- 2020 Paralympic gold medalist 400m
- 2019 World Para Athletics Championships gold medalist, 400m

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



# **EDEN RAINBOW-COOPER | GREAT BRITAIN**

**BIRTHDATE:** May 17, 2001

**AGE: 24** 

**RESIDENCE:** Great Britain

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

Eden Rainbow-Cooper came to Chicago for the first time last year and left with a fourth place finish. This year, she's determined to get on the podium after also finishing fourth in New York, Boston and London in the past year. Last year, Rainbow-Cooper became the first British woman to win the Boston Marathon. Just 24 years old, Rainbow-Cooper competed in her first Paralympics in 2024 where she raced the 1500m and 5000m. Rainbow-Cooper was born with sacral agenesis and began racing wheelchairs at the age of 13. When she's not training, she works in digital marketing.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2024 Paralympian, 1500m, 5000m and marathon
- 2024 Boston Marathon champion
- Runner up, 2023 Berlin Marathon
- Silver medalist, 2022 Commonwealth Games

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



### **VANESSA DE SOUZA | BRAZIL**

BIRTHDATE: November 20, 1989

**AGE:** 35

**RESIDENCE:** Brazil

PERSONAL BEST: 1:40:21 (Seville, 2020)

Vanessa De Souza is a consistent top 10 finisher at Abbott World Marathon Majors, including three times here in Chicago, where her best finish is a fourth place at the 2021 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. This year, she has recorded a seventh place finish in Boston and a 10th place finish in London. De Souza raced on both the track and the roads in the Paris Paralympic Games. She represented Brazil in the 800m, 1500m, 5000m and marathon, where she finished in tenth place. De Souza lost her leg in a motorcycle accident. Just months later, she began training to be a Paralympic athlete. She made it on her first try, competing in four events at the Tokyo

Games. En route to Tokyo, she won marathons in Los Angeles and Seville. She holds the Brazilian national record in the 10K, half marathon and marathon.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2024 Paralympian, 800m, 1500m, 5000m and marathon
- 2020 Paralympian, 1500m, 5000m and marathon
- 2020 Los Angeles Marathon and Seville Marathon champion
- Brazilian record holder 10K, half marathon and marathon

Year	Race	Place	Time
04/27/25	London Marathon	10th	1:47:57
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	7th	1:51:15
09/08/24	Paris Paralympic Marathon	10th	1:56:33
04/21/24	London Marathon	8th	1:50:43
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	6th	1:43:22
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	9th	1:59:51
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	6th	1:49:22
09/24/23	Berlin Marathon	10th	1:44:33
04/23/23	London Marathon	12th	1:51:44
04/17/23	Boston Marathon	4th	1:50:40
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	7th	1:51:45
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	5th	1:49:57
10/02/22	London Marathon	7th	1:47:29
09/25/22	Berlin Marathon	8th	1:48:37
04/18/22	Boston Marathon	7th	1:56:23
11/07/21	New York City Marathon	5th	1:59:45
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:58:09
10/11/21	Boston Marathon	4th	1:53:23
10/03/21	London Marathon	7th	1:50:13
09/26/21	Berlin Marathon	5th	1:42:16
09/05/21	Tokyo Paralympics Marathon	12th	1:51:12
02/23/20	Seville Marathon	1st	1:40:23
03/08/20	Los Angeles Marathon	1st	1:59:51



# JADE HALL | GREAT BRITAIN

BIRTHDATE: January 4, 1996

**AGE**: 29

**RESIDENCE:** England

**PERSONAL BEST:** 1:41:44 (Boston, 2017)

Jade Hall became one of Great Britain's top wheelchair racers at an early age. At just 16 years old, she went to the 2012 Paralympics in London where she competed in the 400m, 800m and 1500m. She won her first major medal with a bronze in the 1500m at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, then returned to the Olympics in 2016. Hall moved to the triathlon in 2017 and claimed a world silver medal and a Commonwealth gold in 2018. She missed the 2020 Tokyo Games due to illness and since then has given birth to two children. She returned to racing in November of last year with a seventh place finish in the TCS New York City Marathon and followed it up with a 6th

place finish in London. Hall was born without a right femur. She began racing wheelchairs at the age of 12 and has been coached since then by British Paralympic legend Tanni Grey-Thompson.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2016 Paralympian
- 2012 Paralympian, 400m, 800m and 1500m
- Gold medalist, 2018 Commonwealth Games paratriathlon
- Bronze medalist, 2014 Commonwealth Games 1500m

Year	Race	Place	Time
04/27/25	London Marathon	6th	1:46:51
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	7th	2:06:06
04/17/17	Boston Marathon	36th	1:41:44



### YEN HOANG | UNITED STATES

BIRTHDATE: March 8, 1997

**AGE**: 28

RESIDENCE: Champaign, IL

PERSONAL BEST: 1:47:29 (London, 2022)

Yen Hoang is back in Chicago for her seventh Bank of America Chicago Marathon. She was sixth here last year. Hoang has scored six top-tens here including a runner-up finish in 2021. Hoang started competing competitively in 2014 at the junior national level in wheelchair basketball. She then moved to track and field. She won a gold medal in the 800m and a silver medal in the 400m at the 2019 Parapan American Games, and she competed in three events at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics: the 100m, 400m and 800m. When she's not training, Hoang is an accountant. She became a CPA last year.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2021 Chicago Marathon, runner-up
- Third place, 2021 Boston Marathon
- 2020 Paralympian

Year	Race	Place	Time
03/02/25	Tokyo Marathon	8th	1:55:14
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	10th	2:19:40
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	6th	1:46:19
04/21/24	London Marathon	16th	2:06:42
04/15/24	Boston Marathon	13th	1:52:13
03/17/24	New York City Half Marathon	5th	1:08:22
11/05/23	New York City Marathon	13th	2:04:17
10/08/23	Chicago Marathon	10th	1:58:16
04/23/23	London Marathon	14th	1:58:55
04/17/23	Boston Marathon	9th	2:10:29
11/06/22	New York City Marathon	4th	1:48:30
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	4th	1:49:54
10/02/22	London Marathon	8th	1:47:29
04/18/22	Boston Marathon	4th	1:55:27
11/07/21	New York City Marathon	6th	2:02:38
10/11/21	Boston Marathon	3rd	1:51:24
10/10/21	Chicago Marathon	2nd	1:50:14
11/03/19	New York City Marathon	14th	2:18:24
10/13/19	Chicago Marathon	8th	2:11:58
04/15/19	Boston Marathon	15th	2:01:06
10/07/18	Chicago Marathon	12th	2:07:10
10/09/16	Chicago Marathon	7th	2:10:29



## **HODA ELSHORBAGY | EGYPT**

BIRTHDATE: June 1, 1990

**AGE:** 35

RESIDENCE: Urbana, IL

**PERSONAL BEST:** 1:58:38 (Chicago, 2023)

Hoda Elshorbagy scored her first two top 10 finishes in Abbott World Marathon Majors races with her seventh place finish in Chicago last year and a ninth place finish in Boston this year. From a small village in Egypt, Elshorbagy discovered wheelchair racing in 2016 while watching Tatyana McFadden race in the Paralympics. In 2019, she received a grant to purchase a custom racing chair and in 2020, traveled to the United States to meet with Adam Bleakney and the University of Illinois wheelchair racing team. Now on a student visa, she is studying kinesiology at the University. In 2024,

she achieved her first major victory when she won the ASICS Falmouth Road Race in Massachusetts.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

• 2024 Falmouth Road Race champion

Year	Race	Place	Time
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	9th	1:55:19
11/03/24	New York City Marathon	6th	2:01:48
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	7th	1:46:20
10/06/23	Chicago Marathon	12th	1:58:38



# **HANNAH DEDERICK | UNITED STATES**

BIRTHDATE:

**AGE:** 22

**RESIDENCE:** Mead, WA

PERSONAL BEST: 2:02:23 (Chicago, 2022)

Hannah Dederick is showing her range as she moves from the sprints to the marathon. This summer, she was runner-up to Tatyana McFadden in the 100m and the 400m at the U.S. Para Championships. She also took second in the 800m behind Susannah Scaroni. As a senior at the University of Illinois, she won the inaugural NCAA 100m wheelchair championship. Dederick is a two-time Paralympian. In Paris, she finished 4th in the 400m. This past May, Dederick recorded a 10K personal best and placed third in the New York Mini. Dederick was born with spina bifida in China where she

was left at an orphanage. There, she was adopted by a volunteer from the United States.

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2025 NCAA Champion, 100m
- 2024 Paralympian, 100m, 400m and 800m
- 2020 Paralympian, 100m and 400m

Year	Race	Place	Time
04/21/25	Boston Marathon	13th	2:05:45
10/13/24	Chicago Marathon	9th	1:47:18
10/06/23	Chicago Marathon	9th	1:56:56
10/09/22	Chicago Marathon	8th	2:02:23