

Athletic season 2023

Marileidy Paulino of the Dominican Republic has Olympic and world silver medals to her name in the women's 400m, but the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 offers her a huge opportunity to go one better. The prospects of the 26-year-old from Nizao, who was beaten to the Olympic and world titles by Shaunae Miller-Uibo, have been boosted by the news that Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone of the United States has had to drop out with a minor knee problem. McLaughlin-Levrone, the 400m hurdles world record-holder, tops this year's 400m world list with 48.74, but in her absence Paulino will be the fastest thanks to the personal best of 48.98 she set in Los Angeles on 27 May. Not that Paulino will lack formidable rivals, including Miller-Uibo herself, although the 29-year-old Bahamian will be defending her title in Budapest in what will be her first major competition since giving birth to son Maicel on 20 April. Miller-Uibo made her competitive return on 5-6 July in a heptathlon at her national championships in Nassau, but how close to her old form and fitness will she be? There will be much interest too in the performance of Ireland's US-based Rhasidat Adeleke, who recently turned professional after setting a national record of 49.20 at Austin, Texas, on 10 June, which put her fourth on this year's world list. The 20-year-old Dublin-born runner missed out on last year's world final by one place; this year she should certainly surpass that level of performance. There will be two other strong European contenders in Poland's Natalia Kaczmarek and Lieke Klaver of the Netherlands. Kaczmarek delighted home fans by winning the women's 400m at last month's Silesia Diamond League meeting in a personal best of 49.48 – which puts her fifth on this year's top list – from Klaver, who ran a personal best of 49.81 in a race where Paulino clocked 50.00 for third place. Britton Wilson of the United States, who ran 49.13 in Baton Rouge on 13 May to go third on this year's top list, and her teammate Talitha Diggs, who has a best of 49.93 this year, will also be medal contenders. Salwa Eid Naser of Bahrain, who beat Miller-Uibo to the 2019 world title in Doha, is back in the reckoning for a global medal having missed the Tokyo Olympics and last year's World Athletics Championships while serving a two-year ban for anti-doping whereabouts failures.

Medal winners				Relevant records						
2011 World				WR	47.60	Marita Koch	GDR	Canberra	6/10/85	
	1	Amantle Montsho	BOT	49.56	WJR	49.22A	Christine Mboma	NAM	Windhoek	17 Apr 2021
	2	Allyson Felix	USA	49.59	Eur	47.60	Marita Koch	GDR	Canberra	6/10/85
	3	Francena McCorory	USA	50.45	Afr	49.10	Faillat Ogunkoya	NGR	Atlanta	29/7/96
2012 Europe				Ame	48.70	Sanya Richards-Ross	USA	Athína	16 Sep 2006	
	1	Moa Hjelmer	SWE	51.13	CZE	47.99	Jarmila Kratochvílová		Helsinki	10/8/83
	2	Kseniya Zadorina	RUS	51.26	WIR	49.59	Jarmila Kratochvílová	TCH	Milano	07 03 1982
	3	Iлона Usovich	BLR	51.94						
2012 Olympic				All-time list						
	1	Sanya Richards-Ross	USA	49.55	1	47.60	Marita Koch	GER	Canberra	6 Oct 1985
	2	Christine Ohuruogu	GBR	49.70	2	47.99	Jarmila Kratochvílová	CZE	Helsinki	10 Aug 1983
	3	Deedee Trotter	USA	49.72	3	48.14	Salwa Eid Naser	BRN	Doha	3 Oct 2019
2013 World				4	48.25	Marie-José Pérec	FRA	Atlanta GA	29 Jul 1996	
	1	Christine Ohuruogu	GBR	49.41	5	48.27	Olga Bryzgina	UKR	Canberra	6 Oct 1985
	2	Amantle Montsho	BOT	49.41	6	48.36	Shaunae Miller-Uibo	BAH	Tokyo	6 Aug 2021
	3	Stephenie Ann McPherson	JAM	49.99	7	48.59	Tatána Slaninová	CZE	Helsinki	10 Aug 1983
2014 World indoor				8	48.63	Cathy Freeman	AUS	Atlanta GA	29 Jul 1996	
	1	Francena McCorory	USA	51.12	9	48.70	Sanya Richards-Ross	USA	Athína	16 Sep 2006
	2	Kaliese Spencer	JAM	51.54	10	48.74	Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone	USA	Eugene OR	8 Jul 2023
	3	Shaunae Miller	BAH	52.06	11	48.83	Valerie Brisco-Hooks	USA	Los Angeles CA	6 Aug 1984
2014 Europe				World season list						
	1	Libania Grenot	ITA	51.10	1	48.74	Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone	USA	Eugene OR	8 Jul
	2	Olha Zemlyak	UKR	51.36	2	48.98	Marileidy Paulino	DOM	Westwood CA	27 May
	3	Indira Terrero	ESP	51.38	3	49.13	Britton Wilson	USA	Baton Rouge LA	13 May
2015 Europe indoor				4	49.20	Rhasidat Adeleke	IRL	Austin TX	10 Jun	
	1	Nataliya Pyhyda	UKR	51.96	5	49.48	Natalia Kaczmarek	POL	Chorzów	16 Jul
	2	Indira Terrero	ESP	52.63	6	49.68	Gabby Thomas	USA	Austin TX	29 Apr
	3	Seren Bundy-Davies	GBR	52.64	6	49.68	Shamier Little	USA	Monaco	21 Jul
2015 World				8	49.78	Salwa Eid Naser	BRN	Huelva	6 Jun	
	1	Allyson Felix	USA	49.26	9	49.81	Lieke Klaver	NED	Chorzów	16 Jul
	2	Shaunae Miller	BAH	49.67	10	49.82	Femke Bol	NED	Chorzów	23 Jun
	3	Shericka Jackson	JAM	49.99	11	49.93	Talitha Diggs	USA	Eugene OR	8 Jul
2016 World indoor				Europe season list						
	1	Kemi Adekoya	BRN	51.45	1	49.20	Rhasidat Adeleke	IRL	Austin TX	10 Jun
	2	Ashley Spencer	USA	51.72	2	49.48	Natalia Kaczmarek	POL	Chorzów	16 Jul
	3	Quanera Hayes	USA	51.76	3	49.81	Lieke Klaver	NED	Chorzów	16 Jul
2016 Europe				4	49.82	Femke Bol	NED	Chorzów	23 Jun	
	1	Libania Grenot	ITA	50.73	5	50.36	Victoria Ohuruogu	GBR	Montverde FL	10 Jun
	2	Floria Guei	FRA	51.21	6	50.67	Andrea Miklos	ROU	Chorzów	20 Jun
	3	Anyika Onuora	GBR	51.47	7	50.69	Cynthia Bolingo Mbongo	BEL	Liège	12 Jul
2016 Olympic				8	50.75	Ama Pipi	GBR	Banská Bystrica	20 Jul	
	1	Shaunae Miller	BAH	49.44	9	50.83	Laviai Nielsen	GBR	Bern	4 Aug
	2	Allyson Felix	USA	49.51	10	50.87	Susanne Gogl-Walli	AUT	Székesfehérvár	18 Jul
	3	Shericka Jackson	JAM	49.85	11	50.99	Polina Miller	RUS	Chelyabinsk	5 Aug
2017 European indoor				Czech season list						
	1	Floria Guei	FRA	51.90	1	51.13	Lada Vondrová	CZE	Tábor	30 Jul
	2	Zuzana Hejnová	CZE	52.42	51.14	Lada Vondrová		Genève	10 Jun	
	3	Justyna Święty	POL	52.52	51.16	Lada Vondrová		Chorzów	4 Jun	
2017 World				2	51.23	Lurdes Gloria Manuel	CZE	Tábor	30 Jul	
	1	Phyllis Francis	USA	49.92	3	51.25	Tereza Petržílková	CZE	Tábor	30 Jul
	2	Salwa Eid Naser	BRN	50.06	51.28	Tereza Petržílková		Székesfehérvár	18 Jul	
	3	Allyson Felix	USA	50.08	51.33	Lada Vondrová		Kladno	13 Jun	
2018 World indoor				51.43	Lada Vondrová		Ostrava	27 Jun		
	1	Courtney Okolo	USA	50.55	51.45	Tereza Petržílková		Banská Bystrica	20 Jul	
	2	Shakima Wimbley	USA	51.47	51.51	Tereza Petržílková		Chorzów	23 Jun	
	3	Eilidh Doyle	GBR	51.60	51.94	Lurdes Gloria Manuel		Jerusalem	9 Aug	
2018 Europe										
	1	Justyna Święty-Ersetic	POL	50.41						
	2	María Belibasáki	GRE	50.45						
	3	Lisanne de Witte	NED	50.77						
2019 Europe indoor										
	1	Léa Sprunger	SUI	51.61						
	2	Cynthia Bolingo Mbongo	BEL	51.62						
	3	Lisanne de Witte	NED	52.34						
2019 World										
	1	Salwa Eid Naser	BRN	48.14						
	2	Shaunae Miller-Uibo	BAH	48.37						
	3	Shericka Jackson	JAM	49.47						
2021 Europe indoor										
	1	Femke Bol	NED	50.63						
	2	Justyna Święty-Ersetic	POL	51.41						
	3	Jodie Williams	GBR	51.73						
2021 Olympic										
	1	Shaunae Miller-Uibo	BAH	48.36						
	2	Marileidy Paulino	DOM	49.20						
	3	Allyson Felix	USA	49.46						
2022 World indoor										
	1	Shaunae Miller-Uibo	BAH	50.31						
	2	Femke Bol	NED	50.57						
	3	Stephenie Ann McPherson	JAM	50.79						
2022 World										
	1	Shaunae Miller-Uibo	BAH	49.11						
	2	Marileidy Paulino	DOM	49.60						
	3	Sada Williams	BAR	49.75						
2022 Europe										
	1	Femke Bol	NED	49.44						
	2	Natalia Kaczmarek	POL	49.94						
	3	Anna Kielbasińska	POL	50.29						
2023 Europe indoor										
	1	Femke Bol	NED	49.85						
	2	Lieke Klaver	NED	50.57						
	3	Anna Kielbasińska	POL	51.25						

