

Athletic season 2023

The three medallists from Oregon will clash with two of the fastest men in history in what looks set to be an enthralling men's 35km in Budapest. Massimo Stano won the world title in 2022, adding another gold medal to his tally following his Olympic 20km triumph in 2021. Japan's Masatora Kawano finished just one second behind to take silver, while Sweden's Perseus Karlstrom earned his second bronze medal of the championships, following his third-place finish over 20km. All three men will be in action in Budapest; in fact, the top 16 finishers from Oregon will all toe the line at 35km in the Hungarian capital, many of whom would have contested the 20km just five days prior.

China's He Xianghong, however, is concentrating solely on the longer distance. He finished fifth in Oregon last year in a national record of 2:24:45, then earlier this year he set an Asian record of 2:22:55, the second-fastest time in history for the relatively new discipline.

Japan's Tomohiro Noda is another who has improved since Oregon. He placed ninth there, but earlier this year he broke Kawano's national record at the Japanese Championships with 2:23:13, making him the third-fastest man in history.

Ecuador's Brian Pintado – who, like Stano and Karlstrom, will be doubling up in Budapest – finished one place shy of the medals in Oregon. He comfortably won the national 35km title earlier this year, then went on to set a 20km PB of 1:19:05 to win in Rio Maior, so he'll be heading to Budapest in good form.

Canada's Evan Dunfee, sixth in Oregon last year, is another athlete entered for both distances. As a world and Olympic medallist over 50km, he'll prefer his chances over the longer distance in Budapest.

Spain will have more than one medal contender in this race. Alvaro Martin, the European champion over 20km, won the 35km at this year's European Team Championships in a national record of 2:25:35.

Miguel Angel Lopez, the 2015 world 20km champion, won the European title over the longer distance last year. European 20km bronze medallist Diego Garcia Carerra, meanwhile, will be doubling up in Budapest. Such is Spain's strength, Olympic 50km fourth-place finisher Marc Tur is their reserve.

Brazil's Caio Bonfim, Germany's Christopher Linke and Colombia's 2017 world 20km champion Eider Arevalo will all be contesting the 35km in Budapest five days after racing over 20km.

Other contenders include Japan's Satoshi Maruo, Poland's surprise Olympic 50km race walk champion Dawid Tomala, China's Wang Qin and Australia's Rhydian Cowley.

Medal winners				Relevant records			
<b>2008 Olympic</b>				WR	3:32:33	Yohann Diniz	FRA Zürich 15 Aug 2014
1	Alex Schwazer	ITA	3:37:09	Ame	3:41:20	Raul Gonzalez	MEX Poděbrady 11 06 1978
2	Jared Tallent	AUS	3:39:27	Asi	3:36:06	Chaohong Yu	CHN Nanjing 22 10 2005
3	Denis Nizhegorodov	RUS	3:40:14	Eur	3:32:33	Yohann Diniz	FRA Zürich 15 Aug 2014
<b>2009 World</b>				CZE	3:49:08	Miloš Holuša	Fribourg 14 04 1996
*	1 Trond Nymark	NOR	3:41:16				
	2 Jesús Ángel García	ESP	3:41:37				
	3 Grzegorz Sudoł	POL	3:42:34				
<b>2010 Europe</b>							
1	Yohann Diniz	FRA	3:40:37				
2	Grzegorz Sudoł	POL	3:42:24				
3	Sergey Bakulin	RUS	3:43:26				
<b>2011 World</b>							
*	1 Denis Nizhegorodov	RUS	3:42:45				
	2 Jared Tallent	AUS	3:43:36				
	3 Si Tianfeng	CHN	3:44:40				
<b>2012 Olympic</b>							
*	1 Jared Tallent	AUS	3:36:53				
	2 Si Tianfeng	CHN	3:37:16				
	3 Robert Heffernan	IRL	3:37:54				
<b>2013 World</b>							
*	1 Robert Heffernan	IRL	3:37:56				
	2 Mikhail Ryzhov	RUS	3:38:58				
	3 Jared Tallent	AUS	3:40:03				
<b>2014 Europe</b>							
1	Yohann Diniz	FRA	3:32:33				
2	Matej Tóth	SVK	3:36:21				
3	Ivan Noskov	RUS	3:37:41				
<b>2015 World</b>							
1	Matej Tóth	SVK	3:40:32				
2	Jared Tallent	AUS	3:42:17				
3	Takayuki Tanii	JPN	3:42:55				
<b>2016 Olympic</b>							
1	Matej Tóth	SVK	3:40:58				
2	Jared Tallent	AUS	3:41:16				
3	Hiroki Arai	JPN	3:41:24				
<b>2017 World</b>							
1	Yohann Diniz	FRA	3:33:12				
2	Hiroki Arai	JPN	3:41:17				
3	Kai Kobayashi	JPN	3:41:19				
<b>2018 Europe</b>							
1	Maryan Zakalnytskyi	UKR	3:46:32				
2	Matej Tóth	SVK	3:47:27				
3	Dzmitry Dziubin	BLR	3:47:59				
<b>2019 World</b>							
1	Yusuke Suzuki	JPN	4:04:20				
2	João Vieira	POR	4:04:59				
3	Evan Dunfee	CAN	4:05:02				
<b>2021 Olympic</b>							
1	Dawid Tomala	POL	3:50:08				
2	Jonathan Hilbert	GER	3:50:44				
3	Evan Dunfee	CAN	3:50:59				
<b>2022 World</b>							
1	Massimo Stano	ITA	2:23:14				
2	Masatora Kawano	JPN	2:23:15				
3	Perseus Karlström	SWE	2:23:44				
<b>2022 Europe</b>							
1	Miguel Ángel López	ESP	2:26:49				
2	Christopher Linke	GER	2:29:30				
3	Matteo Giupponi	ITA	2:30:34				
<b>All-time list</b>							
1	3:32:33	Yohann Diniz	FRA Zürich	15 Aug 2014			
2	3:34:14	Denis Nizhegorodov	RUS Cheboksary	11 May 2008			
3	3:34:38	Matej Tóth	SVK Dudince	21 Mar 2015			
4	3:35:47	Nathan Deakes	AUS Geelong	2 Dec 2006			
5	3:36:03	Robert Korzeniowski	POL Saint-Denis	27 Aug 2003			
6	3:36:04	Alex Schwazer	ITA Rosignano Solvay	11 Feb 2007			
7	3:36:06	Yu Chaohong	CHN Nanjing	22 Oct 2005			
8	3:36:13	Zhao Chengliang	CHN Nanjing	22 Oct 2005			
9	3:36:20	Han Yucheng	CHN Nanning	27 Feb 2005			
10	3:36:42	German Skurygin	RUS Saint-Denis	27 Aug 2003			
11	3:36:45	Masatora Kawano	JPN Takahata	27 Oct 2019			
<b>World season list</b>							
1	2:22:55	He Xianghong	CHN Huangshan	4 Mar			
2	2:23:13	Tomohiro Noda	JPN Wajima	16 Apr			
3	2:24:19	Sergey Kozhevnikov	RUS Sochi	13 Feb			
4	2:25:35	Álvaro Martín	ESP Poděbrady	21 May			
5	2:25:49	Satoshi Maruo	JPN Wajima	16 Apr			
6	2:26:10	Wang Qin	CHN Huangshan	4 Mar			
7	2:26:37	José Luis Doctor	MEX Dudince	25 Mar			
8	2:26:51	Masatora Kawano	JPN Wajima	16 Apr			
9	2:27:05	Christopher Linke	GER Poděbrady	21 May			
10	2:27:30	Caio Bonfim	BRA Dudince	25 Mar			
11	2:27:33	Rhydian Cowley	AUS Melbourne	21 May			
<b>World 2022</b>							
1	2:23:14	Massimo Stano	ITA Eugene OR	24 Jul			
2	2:23:15	Masatora Kawano	JPN Eugene OR	24 Jul			
3	2:23:44	Perseus Karlström	SWE Eugene OR	24 Jul			
4	2:24:37	Brian Pintado	ECU Eugene OR	24 Jul			
5	2:24:45	He Xianghong	CHN Eugene OR	24 Jul			
6	2:25:02	Evan Dunfee	CAN Eugene OR	24 Jul			
7	2:25:14	Caio Bonfim	BRA Eugene OR	24 Jul			
8	2:25:21	Eider Arevalo	COL Eugene OR	24 Jul			
9	2:25:29	Tomohiro Noda	JPN Eugene OR	24 Jul			
10	2:25:58	Miguel Ángel López	ESP Eugene OR	24 Jul			
11	2:26:18	Toshikazu Yamanishi	JPN Takahata	23 Oct			

