

Not since Paris in 2003 has the men's 100m title been claimed by a sprinter from outside the US or Jamaica. Could 2023 in Budapest be the time and place for someone to follow in the footsteps of Kim Collins by bringing an end to the 20-year-old duopoly? The event appears to be as open as it was in the French capital two decades ago, when Collins put St Kitts and Nevis on the global track and field map. No-one stands out as a clear favourite, though Fred Kerley perhaps ought to be considered the main contender. The 6ft 3in (190 cm) Texan is the reigning champion, having led a US medal sweep on home soil in Oregon last year ahead of Marvin Bracy-Williams and Trayvon Bromell. US sprinters have won the last three golds and Kerley will lead the starred and striped challenge in Budapest, supported this time by Cravont Charleston, the 2019 world champion Christian Coleman and two-time world 200m champion Noah Lyles, a potential 'surprise' packet. Kerley has contested just five 100m races this season, two of them in the Seiko Golden Grand Prix in Yokohama in May, where he clocked a season's best of 9.88. He registered comfortable victories on the Diamond League circuit in Rabat and Florence, both in 9.94, but was edged out in a tight finish in Silesia on 16 July. South Africa's Akam Simbine taking the win in 9.97 with Kerley and Cameroon's Emmanuel Eseme clocking 9.98 in second and third, and the newly-crowned US champion Charleston fourth in 9.99. Ahead of Kerley on the 2023 world list stand two potential challengers in Britain's Zharnel Hughes (9.83) and Kenya's Ferdinand Omanyala (9.84). When Hughes, a qualified pilot, flew to his 9.83 clocking in New York on 24 June, he sliced 0.04 off the ancient national record held by the only British sprinter to have claimed the world 100m title, Linford Christie, who triumphed in Stuttgart 30 years ago. Should he strike gold in Budapest, the native Anguillian would make it five wins in the event for his Jamaican coach, Glen Mills, the sprint guru who guided Usain Bolt to victory in 2009, 2013 and 2015, and also Yohan Blake in 2011. "Obviously people are going to target the time I've run," said Hughes, who won the European 200m title last year, "but I don't put pressure on myself. That's when things can go topsy turvy." Hughes, who false started in the Olympic final two years ago, has no other official sub-10 to his name in 2023, although he won the British title in 10.03 in monsoon conditions and smashed John Regis' 30-year-old national 200m record with 19.73 for third place behind Lyles (19.47) and Botswana's Letsile Tsebo (19.50) in the London Diamond League meeting on 23 July. Omanyala is the only man who has dipped under 9.90 twice this year, the Commonwealth champion backing up his 9.84 from the Kip Keino Classic in May with 9.85 in the Kenyan trials on 8 July. The former rugby player has yet to make a global 100m final but has been a consistent performer on the Diamond League stage, placing third in Rabat, second in Florence and Paris and first in Monaco, and is not lacking in confidence.

Simbine's victory ahead of Kerley in Silesia will have raised his hopes of finally making a global podium – and winning the race to become Africa's first medal winner in the event. The 29-year-old South African has long been the 'nearby' man of the 100m: fifth in London in 2017, fourth in Doha in 2019 and fifth in Oregon last year, as well as fourth and fifth in the last two Olympic finals. With four successive wins behind him (in Kladno, Ostrava, Stockholm and Silesia), he heads to Hungary with serious momentum. The African challenge promises to be fierce. Like Simbine and Omanyala, Eseme and Tebogo have also notched top three finishes on the Diamond League circuit, while Simbine's South African teammate Shaun Maswanganyi has a 9.91 clocking to his name. A place on the podium might not be beyond the scope of all four US sprinters – including Lyles, who beat Omanyala and Tebogo to win the 100m at the Paris Diamond League and was recovering from Covid when he took third place in the US Championships. He boasts a PB of 9.86. A new kid on the senior international block, the 20-year-old Bahamian Terrence Jones who won the NCAA indoor 60m title in March, has run 9.91. The Jamaican challenge will be led by Oblique Seville, who finished fourth in Oregon last year, and the emerging Rohan Watson, who started the year with a best of 10.41 but won the Jamaican title in 9.91. Ackeem Blake stands fourth on the world list with 9.89 but, having placed fourth in the trials, is on the entry list as a reserve. MS: 10.00 (10.25) OH: 10.00

Medal winners				Relevant records				
2011 World				WR	9.58	Usain Bolt	JAM Berlin	16/8/2009
1	Yohan Blake	JAM	9.92	Eur	9.80	Lamont Marcell Jacobs	ITA Tokyo	1 Aug 2021
2	Walter Dix	USA	10.08	USA	9.69	Tyson Gay	USA Shanghai	20/9/2009
3	Kim Collins	SKN	10.09	Afr	9.77A	Ferdinand Omanyala	KEN Nairobi	18 Sep 2021
2012 Europe				Asi	9.83	Su Bingtian	CHN Tokyo	1 Aug 2021
1	Christophe Lemaitre	FRA	10.09	CZE	10.16	Zdeněk Stromšík	CZE Tábor	18 Jul 2018
2	Jimmy Vicaut	FRA	10.12		10.16	Jan Veleba	CZE Brno	6 Jul 2019
3	Jaysuma Saidy Ndure	NOR	10.17		10.16	Dominik Záleský	CZE Zlín	14 Aug 2021
2012 Olympic				WJR	9.91	Letsile Tsebo	BOT Cali	2 Aug 2022
1	Usain BOLT	JAM	9.63	All-time list				
2	Yohan BLAKE	JAM	9.75	1	9.58	Usain Bolt	JAM Berlin	16 Aug 2009
3	Justin GATLIN	USA	9.79	2	9.69	Tyson Gay	USA Shanghai	20 Sep 2009
2013 World				2	9.69	Yohan Blake	JAM Lausanne	23 Aug 2012
1	Usain BOLT	JAM	9.77	4	9.72	Asafa Powell	JAM Lausanne	2 Sep 2008
2	Justin GATLIN	USA	9.85	5	9.74	Justin Gatlin	USA Doha	15 May 2015
3	Nesta CARTER	JAM	9.95	6	9.76	Christian Coleman	USA Doha	28 Sep 2019
2014 World indoor				6	9.76A	Trayvon Bromell	USA Nairobi	18 Sep 2021
1	Richard KILTY	GBR	6.49	6	9.76	Fred Kerley	USA Eugene OR	24 Jun 2022
2	Marvin BRACY	USA	6.51	9	9.77A	Ferdinand Omanyala	KEN Nairobi	18 Sep 2021
3	Femi OGUNODE	QAT	6.52	10	9.78	Nesta Carter	JAM Rieti	29 Aug 2010
2014 Europe				11	9.79	Maurice Greene	USA Athina	16 Jun 1999
1	James Dasaolu	GBR	10.06	World season list				
2	Christophe Lemaitre	FRA	10.13	1	9.83	Zharnel Hughes	GBR Randalls Island NY	24 Jun
3	Harry Aikines-Aryeetey	GBR	10.22	2	9.84A	Ferdinand Omanyala	KEN Nairobi	13 May
2015 Europe indoor				3	9.88	Fred Kerley	USA Yokohama	21 May
1	Richard Kilty	GBR	6.51	4	9.89	Ackeem Blake	JAM Westwood CA	27 May
2	Christian Blum	GER	6.58	4	9.89	Pjai Austin	USA Austin TX	7 Jun
3	Julian Reus	GER	6.60	4	9.89	Courtney Lindsey	USA Austin TX	9 Jun
2015 World				4	9.89	Issam Asinga	SUR São Paulo	28 Jul
1	Usain BOLT	JAM	9.79	8	9.90	Godson Oghenebrume	NGR Austin TX	9 Jun
2	Justin GATLIN	USA	9.80	8	9.90	Cravont Charleston	USA Kuortane	17 Jun
3	Trayvon BROMELL	USA	9.92	10	9.91	Terrence Jones Jr.	BAH Gainesville FL	15 Apr
3	Andre DE GRASSE	CAN	9.92	10	9.91	Christian Coleman	USA Westwood CA	27 May
2016 World indoor				Europe				
1	Trayvon BROMELL	USA	6.47	1	9.83	Zharnel Hughes	GBR Randalls Island NY	24 Jun
2	Asafa POWELL	JAM	6.50	2	9.93	Eugene Amo-Dadzie	GBR Graz	16 Jun
3	Ramon GITTENS	BAR	6.51	3	9.99	Reece Prescod	GBR Hengelo	4 Jun
2016 Europe				4	10.02	Raphael Bouju	NED Genève	10 Jun
1	Churandy Martina	NED	10.07	5	10.04	Jeremiah Azu	GBR Espoo	13 Jul
2	Jak Ali Harvey	TUR	10.07	6	10.05	Dominik Kopeć	POL Dessau-Roßlau	17 Jun
3	Jimmy Vicaut	FRA	10.08	7	10.06	Mouhamadou Fall	FRA Lubbock TX	25 Mar
2016 Olympic				7	10.06	Jimmy Vicaut	FRA Paris	9 Jun
1	Usain Bolt	JAM	9.81	9	10.08	Markus Fuchs	AUT St. Pölten	8 Jun
2	Justin Gatlin	USA	9.89	10	10.11	Taymir Burnet	NED Genève	10 Jun
3	Andre De Grasse	CAN	9.91	10	10.11	Julian Wagner	GER Dessau-Roßlau	17 Jun
2017 European indoor				Czech				
1	Richard Kilty	GBR	6.54	1	10.27	Jan Veleba	CZE Banská Bystrica	20 Jul
2	Ján Volko	SVK	6.58		10.29	Jan Veleba	Ptizeň	27 May
3	Austin Hamilton	SWE	6.63		10.29	Jan Veleba	St. Pölten	8 Jun
2017 World					10.37	Jan Veleba	Kladno	13 Jun
1	Justin Gatlin	USA	9.92		10.39	Jan Veleba	St. Pölten	8 Jun
2	Christian Coleman	USA	9.94	2	10.39	Zdeněk Stromšík	CZE Banská Bystrica	20 Jul
3	Usain Bolt	JAM	9.95		10.42	Jan Veleba	Ostrava	27 Jun
2018 World indoor				3	10.43	Stanislav Jíra	CZE Praha	20 May
1	Christian Coleman	USA	6.37		10.43	Zdeněk Stromšík	Ostrava	27 Jun
2	Su Bingtian	CHN	6.42		10.47	Stanislav Jíra	St. Pölten	8 Jun
3	Ronnie Baker	USA	6.44		10.47	Zdeněk Stromšík	Tábor	11 Jul
2018 Europe								
1	Zharnel Hughes	GBR	9.95					
2	Reece Prescod	GBR	9.96					
3	Jak Ali Harvey	TUR	10.01					
2019 Europe indoor								
1	Ján Volko	SVK	6.60					
2	Emre Zafer Barnes	TUR	6.61					
3	Joris van Gool	NED	6.62					
2019 World								
1	Christian Coleman	USA	9.76					
2	Justin Gatlin	USA	9.89					
3	Andre De Grasse	CAN	9.90					
2021 Europe indoor								
1	Lamont Marcell Jacobs	ITA	6.47					
2	Kevin Kranz	GER	6.60					
3	Ján Volko	SVK	6.61					
2021 Olympic								
1	Lamont Marcell Jacobs	ITA	9.80					
2	Fred Kerley	USA	9.84					
3	Andre De Grasse	CAN	9.89					
2022 World indoor								
1	Lamont Marcell Jacobs	ITA	6.41					
2	Christian Coleman	USA	6.41					
3	Marvin Bracy	USA	6.44					
2022 World								
1	Fred Kerley	USA	9.86					
2	Marvin Bracy	USA	9.88					
3	Trayvon Bromell	USA	9.88					
2022 Europe								
1	Lamont Marcell Jacobs	ITA	9.95					
2	Zharnel Hughes	GBR	9.99					
3	Jeremiah Azu	GBR	10.13					
2023 Europe indoor								
1	Samuele Ceccarelli	ITA	6.48					
2	Lamont Marcell Jacobs	ITA	6.50					
3	Henrik Larsson	SWE	6.53					

