

Athletic season 2023

The sixth-fastest man of all time, Kenya's Emmanuel Korir, took the gold in Oregon, with Algeria's Djamel Sedjati and Canadian Marco Arop taking silver and bronze respectively, while Korir's teammate and namesake, Emmanuel Wanyonyi settled for fourth.

Korir has endured an injury-plagued season and has barely managed to compete in the Diamond League, finishing eighth in both Rabat and Stockholm, and 10th in Paris. Nevertheless, Wanyonyi has held the fort for Kenya and has the second fastest time in 2023, blazing to a new lifetime best of 1:43.27 with which he dominated the race in Paris. The 2021 world U20 champion will be hoping to take that form to Budapest and ensure that the men's 800m title remains in Kenya, following in the footsteps of Billy Konchellah, Paul Ruto, Alfred Kirwa Yego, David Rudisha and Korir. He will be supported by Alex Ngeno Kipngetich and Ferguson Rotich – the bronze medalist from Doha.

The Kenyans will expect a stiff competition from Arop, who has the third fastest time this season – 1:43.30 – which he posted while finishing second to Wanyonyi in Paris. The Canadian is the highest ranked athlete in the event this year, signalling his readiness to upgrade from bronze to gold while aiming to become the first Canadian in World Championships history to win the men's 800m.

The East Africans will also have to contend with their North African counterparts – the Algerian duo of Slimane Moula (who was fifth in Oregon) and Sedjati, who are fourth and fifth on the global list for 2023 with their PB times of 1:43.38 and 1:43.40 respectively, also set in Paris, indicating that the teammates are peaking at the right time and will leave nothing to chance in Budapest. The only Algerian to have won gold in the men's 800m is Djabir Said-Guerni – a feat he achieved 20 years ago.

The US team comes with a blend of youth and experience and comprises Clayton Murphy, who won bronze at the 2016 Olympics in Rio, and Bryce Hoppel, who has a season's best of 1:43.95 and is the reigning US champion and third place finisher at last year's World Indoor Championships, plus Isaiah Harris, the 2018 NCAA champion in the event.

France's silver medalist at the 2023 European Indoor Championships, Benjamin Robert, and his compatriot Yanis Meziane will spur each other towards the top prize as the former recorded a PB of 1:43.48 in Paris, putting him in sixth place on the world top lists. The latter clocked a PB of 1:44.30 in Monaco and will aim to run faster in Budapest. Both will be hoping to replicate Pierre Ambroise-Bosse's gold-winning feat from 2017.

Great Britain will be represented by a decent team which includes Max Burgin (1:43.85), winner of the event at the London Diamond League, plus national champion Daniel Rowden, who stormed to a lifetime best of 1:43.95 in Monaco, and Ben Pattison, the Commonwealth Games bronze medalist who also posted a PB of 1:44.02 while competing at the London Athletics meet where he placed second.

Also among the sub-1:44 men this season is Australia's Joseph Deng, who ran an Oceanian record of 1:43.99 in France last month.

MS: 1:44.70 (1:46.00)

OH: 1:44.70

Medal winners				Relevant records			
<b>2012 World indoor</b>				WR	1:40.91	David Lekuta Rudisha	KEN London (OS) 09 AUG 2012
1	Mohammed AMAN	ETH	1:48.36	WJR	1:43.64	Japheth Kimutai	KEN Zürich 13 08 1997
2	Jakub HOLUŠA	CZE	1:48.62	Eur	1:41.11	Wilson Kipketer	DEN Köln 24 08 1997
3	Andrew OSAGIE	GBR	1:48.92	Afr	1:40.91	David Lekuta Rudisha	KEN London (OS) 09 AUG 2012
<b>2012 Europe</b>				Sam	1:41.77	Joaquim Cruz	BRA Köln 26 08 1984
1	Yuriy Borzakovskiy	RUS	1:48.61	CZE	1:44.84	Vydra Lukáš	Zürich 12.8.1998
2	Andreas Bube	DEN	1:48.69	WIR	1:42.67	Wilson Kipketer	DEN Paris Bercy 09 03 1997
3	Pierre Ambroise Bosse	FRA	1:48.83	WR pace 400m David Rudisha KEN 49.28 600m David Rudisha KEN 1:14.30 ER pace 200m - 23.8 400m - 49.0 600m - 1:14.6			
<b>2012 Olympic</b>				<b>All-time list</b>			
1	David Lekuta RUDISHA	KEN	1:40.91	1	1:40.91	David Rudisha	KEN London 9 Aug 2012
2	Nijel AMOS	BOT	1:41.73	2	1:41.11	Wilson Kipketer	DEN Köln 24 Aug 1997
3	Timothy KITUM	KEN	1:42.53	3	1:41.73!	Sebastian Coe	GBR Firenze 10 Jun 1981
<b>2013 Europe indoor</b>				4	1:41.73	Nijel Amos	BOT London 9 Aug 2012
1	Adam Kszczot	POL	1:48.69	5	1:41.77	Joaquim Cruz	BRA Köln 26 Aug 1984
2	Kevin López	ESP	1:49.31	6	1:42.05	Emmanuel Korir	KEN London 22 Jul 2018
3	Mukhtar Mohammed	GBR	1:49.60	7	1:42.23	Abubaker Kaki	SUD Oslo 4 Jun 2010
<b>2013 World</b>				8	1:42.28	Sammy Koskei	KEN Köln 26 Aug 1984
1	Mohammed AMAN	ETH	1:43.31	9	1:42.34	Wilfred Bungei	KEN Rieti 8 Sep 2002
2	Nick SYMONDS	USA	1:43.55	9	1:42.34	Donavan Brazier	USA Doha 1 Oct 2019
3	Ayanleh SOULEIMAN	DJI	1:43.76	11	1:42.37	Mohamed Aman	ETH Bruxelles 6 Sep 2013
<b>2014 World indoor</b>				<b>World season list</b>			
1	Mohammed AMAN	ETH	1:46.40	1	1:43.22	Wycliffe Kinyamal	KEN Monaco 21 Jul
2	Adam KSZCZOT	POL	1:46.76	2	1:43.27	Emmanuel Wanyonyi	KEN Paris 9 Jun
3	Andrew OSAGIE	GBR	1:47.10	3	1:43.30	Marco Arop	CAN Paris 9 Jun
<b>2014 Europe</b>				4	1:43.38	Slimane Moula	ALG Paris 9 Jun
1	Adam Kszczot	POL	1:44.15	5	1:43.40	Djamel Sedjati	ALG Paris 9 Jun
2	Artur Kuciapski	POL	1:44.89	6	1:43.48	Benjamin Robert	FRA Paris 9 Jun
3	Mark English	IRL	1:45.03	7	1:43.85	Max Burgin	GBR London 23 Jul
<b>2015 Europe indoor</b>				8	1:43.90	Azeddine Habz	FRA Paris 9 Jun
1	Marcin Lewandowski	POL	1:46.67	9	1:43.95	Daniel Rowden	GBR Monaco 21 Jul
2	Mark English	IRL	1:47.20	9	1:43.95	Bryce Hoppel	USA Monaco 21 Jul
3	Thijmen Kupers	NED	1:47.25	11	1:43.99	Joseph Deng	AUS Décines-Charpieu 8 Jul
<b>2015 World</b>				<b>European season list</b>			
1	David Lekuta RUDISHA	KEN	1:45.84	1	1:43.48	Benjamin Robert	FRA Paris 9 Jun
2	Adam KSZCZOT	POL	1:46.08	2	1:43.85	Max Burgin	GBR London 23 Jul
3	Amel TUKA	BIH	1:46.30	3	1:43.90	Azeddine Habz	FRA Paris 9 Jun
<b>2016 World indoor</b>				4	1:43.95	Daniel Rowden	GBR Monaco 21 Jul
1	Boris BERIAN	USA	1:45.83	5	1:44.02	Ben Pattison	GBR London 23 Jul
2	Antoine GAKEME	BDI	1:46.65	6	1:44.30	Yanis Meziane	FRA Monaco 21 Jul
3	Erik SOWINSKI	USA	1:47.22	7	1:44.46	Gabriel Tual	FRA Madrid 22 Jul
<b>2016 Europe</b>				8	1:44.50	Simone Barontini	ITA Molfetta 30 Jul
1	Adam Kszczot	POL	1:45.18	9	1:44.53	Tibo De Smet	BEL Ninove 22 Jul
2	Marcin Lewandowski	POL	1:45.54	10	1:44.67	Saul Ordóñez	ESP Stockholm/S 2 Jul
3	Elliot Giles	GBR	1:45.54	10	1:44.67	Mohamed Attaoui	ESP Barcelona 5 Jul
<b>2016 Olympic</b>				<b>Czech season list</b>			
1	David Rudisha	KEN	1:42.15	1	1:46.12	Filip Šnejdr	CZE Monaco 21 Jul
2	Taoufik Makhloufi	ALG	1:42.61	2	1:46.27	Jakub Dudycha	CZE Ostrava 27 Jun
3	Clayton Murphy	USA	1:42.93	1:46.52	Filip Šnejdr	Poznań 18 Jun	
<b>2017 Europe indoor</b>				1:46.67	Filip Šnejdr	Kladno 13 Jun	
1	Adam Kszczot	POL	1:48.87	1:46.72	Filip Šnejdr	Andújar 26 May	
2	Andreas Bube	DEN	1:49.32	1:46.76	Jakub Dudycha	Jerusalem 10 Aug	
3	Álvaro de Arriba	ESP	1:49.68	1:46.84	Filip Šnejdr	Chorzów 23 Jun	
<b>2017 World</b>				1:46.94	Jakub Dudycha	Kladno 13 Jun	
1	Pierre-Ambroise Bosse	FRA	1:44.67	3	1:46.97	Jakub Davidík	CZE Kladno 13 Jun
2	Adam Kszczot	POL	1:44.95	1:47.02	Jakub Davidík	Ostrava 27 Jun	
3	Kipyegon Bett	KEN	1:45.21	1:47.19	Filip Šnejdr	Bergen 3 Jun	
<b>2018 World indoor</b>							
1	Adam Kszczot	POL	1:47.47				
2	Drew Windle	USA	1:47.99				
3	Saul Ordóñez	ESP	1:48.01				
<b>2018 Europe</b>							
1	Adam Kszczot	POL	1:44.59				
2	Andreas Kramer	SWE	1:45.03				
3	Pierre-Ambroise Bosse	FRA	1:45.30				
<b>2019 Europe indoor</b>							
1	Álvaro de Arriba	ESP	1:46.83				
2	Jamie Webb	GBR	1:47.13				
3	Mark English	IRL	1:47.39				
<b>2019 World</b>							
1	Donavan Brazier	USA	1:42.34				
2	Amel Tuka	BIH	1:43.47				
3	Ferguson Cheruiyot	KEN	1:43.82				
<b>2021 Europe indoor</b>							
1	Patryk Dobek	POL	1:46.81				
2	Mateusz Borkowski	POL	1:46.90				
3	Jamie Webb	GBR	1:46.95				
<b>2021 Olymoic</b>							
1	Emmanuel Korir	KEN	1:45.06				
2	Ferguson Rotich	KEN	1:45.23				
3	Patryk Dobek	POL	1:45.39				
<b>2022 World indoor</b>							
1	Mariano Garcia	ESP	1:46.20				
2	Noah Kibet	KEN	1:46.35				
3	Bryce Hoppel	USA	1:46.51				
<b>2022 World</b>							
1	Emmanuel Korir	KEN	1:43.71				
2	Djamel Sejati	ALG	1:44.14				
3	Marco Arop	CAN	1:44.28				
<b>2022 Europe</b>							
1	Mariano Garcia	ESP	1:44.85				
2	Jake Wightman	GBR	1:44.91				
3	Mark English	IRL	1:45.19				
<b>2023 Europe indoor</b>							
1	Adrian Ben	ESP	1:47.34				
2	Benjamin Robert	FRA	1:47.34				
3	Elliott Crestan	BEL	1:47.65				

