

Athletic season 2023

In a hugely strong field, no race looks more likely to provide that than the women's 5000m, which contains six of the 10 fastest women of all time, including the current and previous world record-holders.

If there has to be a favourite among this most dazzling collection of stellar runners it must be Kenya's two-time world and Olympic 1500m champion Faith Kipyegon, who has set three world records this season in the 1500m, 5000m and mile.

Having become the first woman to better 3:50 for the metric mile in clocking 3:49.11 at the Florence Diamond League meeting on 2 June, the 29-year-old mother moved into new territory in Paris just a week later.

In her first race over 5000m since 2015, she produced a final 200m time of 28.1 to see off the lingering challenge of Ethiopia's world record-holder Letesenbet Gidey and improve her rival's world record to 14:05.20. That took 1.42 seconds off the mark Gidey had set in Valencia on 7 October 2020.

The Ethiopian's time in the Stade Charley was also spectacular - 14:07.94, putting her second on this year's world list behind the phenomenal Kenyan, who set a mile record of 4:07.64 in Monaco 12 days later. If Kipyegon can maintain such stupendous form then a first global gold at this distance could be hers. But she will need to be at the peak of her powers to resist a field of staggering talent.

Aside from Gidey, who will also defend her world 10,000m title in Budapest, the race contains one of the most prolific gatherers of major distance titles in recent years, Sifan Hassan of the Netherlands, whose versatility knows no bounds.

After winning the world 1500m and 10,000m titles in Doha three years ago, Hassan secured a golden double in the 5000m and 10,000m at the Tokyo Olympics.

Following a relatively subdued year in 2022, she sprang back to the top of the athletics agenda in April as she ran her first marathon, in London - and, after looking as if she was on the verge of dropping out, swiftly caught up with a lead group that included Ethiopia's defending champion Yalemzerf Yehualaw and earned a victory that seemed to shock her more than anyone.

Hassan had maintained before the race that, despite her move up, she would be concentrating on track events in Budapest and this she is doing, having entered the 10,000m, 5000m and also the 1500m. You wouldn't bet against her winning this race, despite the fact that her personal best of 14:13.42 was set only last month at the London Diamond League, moving her to ninth on the all-time list.

But apart from Kipyegon and Gidey, there will be three other athletes who have run the event faster than Hassan has and will be involved in the Budapest mix.

They are the two athletes who finished ahead of her in London - Gudaf Tsegay, who clocked 14:12.29 and will defend the title she won in Oregon last year, and Beatrice Chebet, second in 14:12.92, who took world silver behind Tsegay by a margin of just 0.46.

Also involved is 23-year-old Ethiopian Ejgayehu Taye, who finished third behind Kipyegon and Gidey in Paris in 14:13.31 and stands fifth on the all-time list thanks to her 2022 clocking of 14:12.98.

Medina Eisa of Ethiopia and Alicia Monson of the United States, who finished fourth and fifth behind Hassan in the London Stadium in 14:16.54 and 14:19.45 respectively, thus moved to 12th and 14th on the all-time list.

Also in the field will be three other athletes inside the all-time top 20 who took fourth, fifth and sixth place in the world record race in Paris: Kenya's Lilian Rengeruk, who ran 14:23.05, Ethiopia's Freweyni Hailu, who clocked 14:23.45, and Kenya's Margaret Chelimo Kipkemboi, who recorded 14:23.67.

Other talents involved include Germany's Konstanze Klosterhalfen, who won an emotional European 5000m title in Munich last year, and Australia's Tokyo Olympic 1500m finalist Jessica Hull.

Medal winners			Relevant records						
<b>2011 World</b>			WR	14:05.20	Faith Kipyegon	KEN	Paris	9 Jun 2023	
1	Vivian Jepkemoi Cheruiyot	KEN	14:55.36	WJR	14:30.88	Tirunesh Dibaba	ETH	Bergen	11 Oct 2004
2	Sylvia Jebiwott Kibet	KEN	14:56.21	Eur	14:22.12	Sifan Hassan	NED	London	21 Jul 2019
3	Meseret Defar	ETH	14:56.94	Asi	14:28.09	Bo Jiang	CHN	Shanghai	23 Oct 1997
<b>2012 Olympic</b>			Ame	14:23.92	Shelby Houlihan	USA	Portland	10 Jul 2020	
1	Meseret Defar	ETH	15:04.25	Afr	14:05.20	Faith Kipyegon	KEN	Paris	9 Jun 2023
2	Vivian Cheruiyot	KEN	15:04.73	CZE	15:31.15	Kristina Mäki		Sligo	23 Jun 2016
3	Tirunesh Dibaba	ETH	15:05.15	WR pace 1000m - 2:52.31 2000m - 5:42.04 3000m - 8:31.91 4000m - 11:21.93 paced 1000m by Sarah Lahti, than to 3000m by Beatrice Chepkoech, than running with Letesenbet Gidey					
<b>2013 World</b>			<b>All-time list</b>						
1	Meseret Defar	ETH	14:50.19	1	14:05.20	Faith Kipyegon	KEN	Paris	9 Jun 2023
2	Mercy Cheronno	KEN	14:51.22	2	14:06.62	Letesenbet Gidey	ETH	Valencia	7 Oct 2020
3	Almaz Ayana	ETH	14:51.33	3	14:11.15	Tirunesh Dibaba	ETH	Oslo	6 Jun 2008
<b>2014 Europe</b>			4	14:12.29	Gudaf Tsegay	ETH	London	23 Jul 2023	
1	Meraf Bahta	SWE	15:31.39	5	14:12.59	Almaz Ayana	ETH	Roma	2 Jun 2016
2	Sifan Hassan	NED	15:31.79	6	14:12.88	Meseret Defar	ETH	Stockholm/S	22 Jul 2008
3	Susan Krumins	NED	15:32.82	7	14:12.92	Beatrice Chebet	KEN	London	23 Jul 2023
<b>2015 World</b>			8	14:12.98	Ejgayehu Taye	ETH	Eugene OR	27 May 2022	
1	Almaz Ayana	ETH	14:26.83	9	14:13.42	Sifan Hassan	NED	London	23 Jul 2023
2	Senbere Teferi	ETH	14:44.07	10	14:15.24	Senbere Teferi	ETH	Hengelo	8 Jun 2021
3	Genzebe Dibaba	ETH	14:44.14	11	14:15.41	Genzebe Dibaba	ETH	Saint-Denis	4 Jul 2015
<b>2016 Europe</b>			<b>World season list</b>						
1	Yasemin Can	TUR	15:18.15	1	14:05.20	Faith Kipyegon	KEN	Paris	9 Jun
2	Meraf Bahta	SWE	15:20.54	2	14:07.94	Letesenbet Gidey	ETH	Paris	9 Jun
3	Steph Twell	GBR	15:20.70	3	14:12.29	Gudaf Tsegay	ETH	London	23 Jul
<b>2016 Olympic</b>			4	14:12.92	Beatrice Chebet	KEN	London	23 Jul	
1	Vivian Cheruiyot	KEN	14:26.17	5	14:13.31	Ejgayehu Taye	ETH	Paris	9 Jun
2	Hellen Obiri	KEN	14:29.77	6	14:13.42	Sifan Hassan	NED	London	23 Jul
3	Almaz Ayana	ETH	14:33.59	7	14:16.54	Medina Eisa	ETH	London	23 Jul
<b>2017 World</b>			8	14:19.45	Alicia Monson	USA	London	23 Jul	
1	Hellen Obiri	KEN	14:34.86	9	14:23.05	Lilian Rengeruk	KEN	Paris	9 Jun
2	Almaz Ayana	ETH	14:40.35	10	14:23.45	Freweyni Hailu	ETH	Paris	9 Jun
3	Sifan Hassan	NED	14:42.73	11	14:23.67	Margaret Kipkemboi	KEN	Paris	9 Jun
<b>2018 World indoor</b>			<b>Europe</b>						
1	Genzebe Dibaba	ETH	8:45.05	1	14:13.42	Sifan Hassan	NED	London	23 Jul
2	Sifan Hassan	NED	8:45.68	2	14:41.30	Nadia Battocletti	ITA	London	23 Jul
3	Laura Muir	GBR	8:45.78	3	14:45.24	Karoline Bjerkeli Grøvdal	NOR	London	23 Jul
<b>2018 Europe</b>			4	14:47.52	Maureen Koster	NED	London	23 Jul	
1	Sifan Hassan	NED	14:46.12	5	14:48.14	Laura Muir	GBR	Paris	9 Jun
2	Eilish McColgan	GBR	14:53.05	6	14:56.98	Megan Keith	GBR	London	23 Jul
3	Yasemin Can	TUR	14:57.63	7	15:00.89	Hanna Klein	GER	Montesson	10 Jun
<b>2019 Europe indoor</b>			8	15:01.37	Klara Lukan	SLO	Montesson	10 Jun	
1	Laura Muir	GBR	8:30.61	9	15:02.93	Melissa Courtney-Bryant	GBR	Walnut CA	6 May
2	Konstanze Klosterhalfen	GER	8:34.06	10	15:03.85	Agate Caune	LAT	Jerusalem	10 Aug
3	Melissa Courtney	GBR	8:38.22	11	15:06.21	Jessica Warner-Judd	GBR	London	23 Jul
<b>2019 World</b>			<b>Czech</b>						
1	Hellen Obiri	KEN	14:26.72	1	16:34.52	Tereza Hrochová	CZE	Chorzów	23 Jun
2	Margaret Kipkemboi	KEN	14:27.49	2	16:39.11	Karolína Sasynová	CZE	Karlsruhe	20 May
3	Konstanze Klosterhalfen	GER	14:28.43	3	16:45.83	Anna Málková	CZE	Ostrava	2 Jul
<b>2021 Europe indoor</b>			4	16:47.80	Julia-Anna Lily Bell	CZE	Ostrava	2 Jul	
1	Amy-Eloise Markovc	GBR	8:46.43	5	16:51.41	Karolína Sasynová		Ostrava	2 Jul
2	Alice Finot	FRA	8:46.54	6	16:56.52	Adéla Hluchá	CZE	Ostrava	2 Jul
3	Vivian Cheruiyot	GBR	8:46.60	7	17:02.31	Gabriela Veigertová	CZE	Wien	17 Jun
<b>2021 Olympic</b>			8	17:05.29	Barbora Lampová	CZE	Dresden	30 Jun	
1	Sifan Hassan	NED	14:36.79	9	17:10.72	Anna Málková		Plzeň	27 May
2	Hellen Obiri	KEN	14:38.36	1	17:13.35	Eliška Hostková	CZE	Ostrava	2 Jul
3	Gudaf Tsegay	ETH	14:38.87	2	17:13.58	Barbora Zoubková	CZE	Plzeň	27 May
<b>2022 World indoor</b>									
1	Lemlem Hailu	ETH	8:41.82						
2	Elle St. Pierre	USA	8:42.04						
3	Ejgayehu Taye	ETH	8:42.23						
<b>2022 World</b>									
1	Gudaf Tsegay	ETH	14:46.29						
2	Beatrice Chebet	KEN	14:46.75						
3	Dawit Seyaum	ETH	14:47.36						
<b>2022 Europe</b>									
1	Konstanze Klosterhalfen	GER	14:50.47						
2	Yasemin Can	TUR	14:56.91						
3	Eilish McColgan	GBR	14:59.34						
<b>2023 Europe indoor</b>									
1	Hanna Klein	GER	8:35.87						
2	Konstanze Klosterhalfen	GER	8:36.50						
3	Melissa Courtney-Bryant	GBR	8:41.19						

