TOP RUNNERS - MEN'S RACE

1 - DEGEFA Abebe Negewo (ETHIOPIA)

2:08:46



Ambo, Ethiopia 20 May 1984

PB MAR: 2:08:46 (Beijing 2013) - HMAR: 60:40 (Ústí nad Labem 2013) WON ROME MARATHON IN 2015 (2:12:23) 14th AT HALF MARATHON WCH IN 2009

HIGHLIGHTS 2nd Brescia 2011 and Beijing 2014; 4th Wien 2009, Milan 2010 and Beijing 2013; 7th Xiamen 2010; 10th Seoul 2010

IN ROME In 2015 won in very rainy conditions with a late move Born in Ambo, in the Central Ethiopia - Lives in Addis Abeba - Has a brother named Urge who runs and has a PB 63:00 in the HM - Started running in 2007 - Italy's Federico Rosa is his manager - In 2008 debuted on the marathon distance in Milan with a time of 2:21:10 - In 2009 took part to the HM WCh and then took a good 4th place in Wien marathon di (2:09:52) - In 2013 ran his PB 2:08:46 in Beijing, where a year later was 2nd in 2:10:54

2 – JUFAR Tariku (ETHIOPIA)

2:06:51



Debre Zeyit, Ethiopia 18 July 1984

PB MAR: 2:06:51 (Houston 2012) – HMAR: 61:28 (Udine 2007)
WON MARATHONS IN HOUSTON, BEIJING 2012, OTTAWA 2013
Won marathons in Tiberias in 2014 and in Beirut in 2011
HIGHLIGHTS 2nd Mumbai 2008, Los Angeles 2009, Istanbul 2011, Otsu 2013, Toronto 2014; 3rd Istanbul and Mumbai 2007, Hamburg 2008; 4th Mumbai 2011, Seoul 2014; 5th Florence 2010; 7th Los Angeles 2010
Born in Debre Zeyit, the capital of Oromia, 40 km far from Addis Abeba, very famous for its lakes – His parents and family are farmers – Has 9 brothers and sisters – One of them, Legse, runs marathon in 2:15:00 – Married, has 2 daughters (5 and 2 years old) – Coached by Haji Adilo in Addis Abeba – Hussein Makke is his manager – Ran his first marathon in January 2007 in Mumbai (3rd in 2:12:49) – Has run 23 marathons – For 9 times has run below 2:10:00 – Took part in two HM Wch: in 2003 in Vilamoura (17th, 63:23), in 2007 in Udine (PB 61:28, 18th)

3 - CHEBOIT Silas (KENYA)

2:07:15



Trans Zoia, Kenya 6 November 1992 **PB** MAR: 2:07:15 (Gongju 2014) – HMAR: 63:28 (Bayuquan 2014) **WON MARATHON IN GONGJU IN 2014 HIGHLIGHTS** 1st Dandong 2014, 2nd Zhengzhou, 8th Gongju 2014

HIGHLIGHTS 1st Dandong 2014, 2nd Zhengzhou, 8th Gongju 2015
Born in Trans Zoia, about 400 km far from Nairobi, very close to Uganda's border – Has 7 brothers and 2 sisters – Lives in Kitale, the capital city of Trans Zoia – Trains on the Ngong Hills, near Nairobi – Italy's Gianni Demadonna is his manager – Started running in 2008 – In 2013 debuted on the marathon distance in 2:19:14 – Before winning in Gongju with a stunning 2:07:15, his PB was 2:18, so had to pay by himself travel and accomodation – Won 50,000\$ for the win and 10,000\$ for a bonus prize for the time

4 - TOLOSA Debebe (ETHIOPIA)

2:07:41



Sendata, Ethiopia 7 July 1991 **PB** MAR: 2:07:41 (Houston 2012) - HMAR: 64:07 (Paris 2012) **HIGHLIGHTS** 2nd Houston 2012; 3rd Venice 2011, Daegu 2013, Houston 2015; 5th Beijing 2014; 7th Paris and Hengshui 2012, Warsaw 2015; 8th Houston 2013; 9th Milan 2014; 14th Dubai 2011

Born in Sendata, about 30 km far from Addis Abeba – Married, has a 2 years old son – Has 3 brothers and 3 sisters – One of them is Ambesse Tolosa, who won the Paris marathon in 2004 (PB 2:08:56) and took part 4 times at the WCh and once at the OLY Athens 2004 (he was 15th) - Lives in Addis Abeba - Coached by Haji Adilo – Hussein Makke is his manager – Broke the 2:10 for the first time in 2011 in Venice Marathon (3rd, 2:09:57) – Has run 14 marathons – For 5 times has run faster than 2:10

6 - OMULLO Ezekial Kemboi (KENYA)

2:09:19



Keiyo, Kenya 10 December 1987 PB MAR: 2:09:19 (Warsaw 2015)
WON WARSAW MARATHON IN 2015
Won Kigali Marathon in 2015
HIGHLIGHTS 8th Toronto 2013; 18th Macau 2011

Born in Keiyo, in the Kenya's Rift Valley – Lives and trains in Iten – Gerard van de Veen is his manager – Debuted on the marathon distance in 2011 in Macau (2:23:17) – In 2013 improved by 7 minutes in Toronto (2:16:15) – In 2015 won both the marathons he ran: in Kigali, at high level, with a time of 2:18:15, then in Warsaw

7 - KIPLIMO Robert Kipkemboi (KENYA)

2:09:32



Kenya 19 June 1988 **PB** MAR: 2:09:32 (Padua 2015)

WON PADUA MARATHON IN 2015 (2:09:32) Won Changsha marathon in 2015

HIGHLIGHTS 3rd Castellon 2014

Trains in Kapsait in the training camp of Italy's Rosa Associati at 3,000m above the sea level – Federico Rosa is his manager – Debuted on the marathon distance in 2014 (2:22:17), and before the end of the year ran 10 minutes faster with 2:12:03 in Castellon – In 2015 won Padua marathon with a time of 2:09:32 – Ran for a very big part of the race alone and the second crossed the finish line 6 minutes later

9 - MEGERSA Tujuba Beyu (ETHIOPIA)

2:09:54



Shino, Ethiopia 15 October 1987 1,71 x 52 **PB** MAR: 2:09:54 (Florence 2015) – HMAR: 59:43 (Vitry-sur-Seine 2011) **WON FLORENCE MARATHON IN 2015 (2:09:54)**

IN ROME Debuted on the marathon in Rome in 2013, but was DNF Has 6 brothers and 2 sisters – Married, lives and trains in Addis Abeba – Coached by Gemedu Dedefo Hailemariam – Is a policeman – Italy's Gianni Demadonna is his manager – In 2009, in one of his first race out of Ethiopia, ran a very fast HM in Ras Al Khaimah (60:16) – In 2010 ran 60:27 in France – In 2011 broke twice the 60:00-wall: 59:58 in Rome, 59:43 in Vitry-sur-Seine – After three DNF on the marathon distance he won in Florence last november below the 2:10

10 - ACHAMIE Birhanu Addissie (ETHIOPIA)

2:10:20



Amara, Ethiopia 3 February 1995 **PB** MAR: 2:10:20 (Rennes 2014) – HMAR: 63:20 (Praha 2013) **Won Tayiuan marathon in 2015 (2:16:14) HIGHLIGHTS** 2nd Rennes 2014 and Rome 2015; 14th Dubai 2015 **IN ROME** Was 2nd in 2015 in very rainy conditions and closed in 2:12:32

Born in the Amara region – Has 2 sisters and 3 brothers – Debuted on the marathon distance in 2014 when not yet 20 years old and was 2nd in Rennes (2:10:20) – Last year ran three marathons: 14th in Dubai, 2nd in Romeand first in China's Tayiuan - Malcolm Anderson is his manager

12 - LHOUSSAINE Oukhrid (MOROCCO)

2:12:04



Morocco 23 June 1984 **PB** MAR: 2:12:04 (Florence 2015) – HMAR: 62:41 (Piacenza 2015) **HIGHLIGHTS** 3rd Florence 2015; 7th Milan 2015

Lives in Italy – Has run many years on the track: PB 1:49.43 (800), 3:40.49 (1500), 13:41.79 (5000) – In 2015 debuted on the marathon distance in Milan (7th, 2:16:25) – In November in Florence was on the podium with his PB

14 - GUALDI Giovanni (ITALY)

2:13:39



Gazzaniga (Bergamo) 25 November 1979 174 x 63

PB MAR: 2:13:39 (Padua 2010) - HMAR: 63:57 (Milan 2010) - 10.000:

28:25.37 (Valmontone 2002) **2016** MAR: 2:20:39 (Treviso 6-3)

ITALY'S MARATHON CHAMPION IN 2011

HIGHLIGHTS 1st Egna 2009; 2nd Padua 2010 and Venice 2014; 3rd Padua and Reggio Emilia 2015; 4th Padua 2013 and Treviso 2016; 8th Turin 2011 and 2013

Married with Alice, they have two daughters: Aurora and Giorgia – Lives in Cerete, near Bergamo – Started running at 9, after leaving soccer – Took his first national team at ECh juniores in Lubljiana 1997 (19th) – Had three surgery on the tendons – Debuted on the marathon distance in 2009 in Egna and closed alone in 2:16:23– Used to be coached by Andrea Bartoli and former marathon runner Migidio Bourifa – Now self-coached – In 2011 took the Italy's honour in a very thrilling race, after catching Bourifa with 3 km to go – Has run 13 marathons

15 - BOYCHAMANE Samir Ait (MOROCCO)

2:16:07



PB MAR: 2:16:07 (Barcelona 2014) -64:22 HMAR: (Granollers 2014) **HIGHLIGHTS** 5th Barcelona 2014; 7th Barcelona 2013 Debuted on the marathon distance in 2013 in Barcelona (2:17:31)

Morocco 26 January 1984

16 - DEMATTEIS Martin (ITALY)

DEBUT



Italy 1986

HMAR: 64:54 (Fucecchio 2016) 2016 HMAR: 64:54 (Fucecchio 6-3) **BRONZE MEDAL AT** 2011 **MOUNTAIN RUNNING WCh** SILVER MEDAL AT **MOUNTAIN** 2010 **RUNNING ECh BRONZE AT 2014 MOUNTAIN RUNNING ECh**

His twin brother Bernard Dematteis is also a two time European champion in the mountain running (2013 and 2014)

18 - KIPRUTO Amos (KENYA)

DEBUT



Nandi Central, Kenya 16 September 1992 **PB** HMAR: 61:02 (Adana 2015)

Lives in Kapsabet – Coached by Italy's Claudio Berardelli – Married, has two twin daughters, eight months old – Has 5 brothers and 2 sisters – An uncle of theirs was also a marathon runner – Started running at international level in 2013 – In Dubai last January paced for 30km in a stunning 1:27:30 – Italy's Gianni Demadonna is his manager

19 - HAREDIN Muhajr Sjar **DEBUT** (ETHIOPIA)



Ethiopia 1994

PB HMAR: 63:11 (Rabat 2013)

20 - KIMELI Hosea Kisorio (KENYA)

PΒ HMAR: 61:59

DEBUT

(Lucca 2015) Lives in Italy - Has run also on the track (PB 8:36.68 on *3,000m steeplechase)*

Kenva 22 November 1990

22 - SANTORO Dario (ITALY)

2:22:25



Turin, Italy 23 January 1990 **PB** MAR: 2:22:25 (Florence 2014) – HMAR: 65:11 (Fucecchio 2016)

2016 HMAR: 65:11 (Fucecchio 6-3)

ITALY'S MARATHON CHAMPION IN RAVENNA 2015 (2:24:25)

Has a son and called him Samuel in the honours of Internazionale Brazil's soccer player - Debuted on the marathon distance in Florence (2:22:25) -Coached by Armando Martini

23 - NDOROBO Peter Kwemoi (KENYA)



60:13

HMAR:

(Ostia 2016)

PR

24 - ROTICH Julius Chepkwony (KENYA) **PACER**



Kenya 16 September 1992

Baringo, Kenya 19 December 1988 PΒ MAR: 2:09:00 (Daegu 2014) HMAR: 62:42 (Reims 2010)

WON **VENICE MARATHON** 2015 (2:11:08)Won marathons in

Barcelona 2012 (2:11:14)and Taipei 2014

25 - RUTO Dominic Kipngetich (KENYA)





2:13:35

63:33 HMAR: (Cremona 2012) Lives and trains in

2015)

Kapsabet

PB MAR:

(Lione

(KENYA)

Kenya 1994

26 - KIMUTAI Nicodemus **PACER**



10KM: 28:53 (Paderborn 2015)

Nandi Central, Kenya 5 May 1990

TOP RUNNERS - WOMEN'S RACE

F1 - CHEMUTAI Emily Ngetich (KENYA)

2:25:14



HIGHLIGHTS 3rd Dusseldorf 2014; 4th Frankfurt 2014; 6th Valencia 2012, Istanbul 2013; 9th Paris and Valencia 2015 Lives in Iten – Coached by Italy's Gabriele Nicola – One of her training mate is the second fastest women ever, Mary Keitany (2:18:37) – Gianni Demadonna is her manager – Debuted on the marathon distance in 2010 in Leiden (2:42:59) – In 2014 set strong Pbs in Dusseldorf (2:30:50) and then in Frankfurt (2:25:14)

PB MAR: 2:25:14 (Frankfurt 2014) - HMAR: 69:13 (Ostia 2015)

Naruku, Kenya 27 September 1984

F2 - DIRO Mulu Melka (ETHIOPIA)

2:29:10



Arsi, Ethiopia 1992 PB MAR: 2:29:10 (Barcelona 2015) Won Kosice marathon in 2015 (2:35:33) HIGHLIGHTS 2nd Barcelona 2015

Born in Arsi, the birthplace of great champions like Tirunesh Dibaba, Derartu Tulu, Kenenisa Bekele – Trains in Addis Abeba – Started running at school - Malcolm Anderson is her manager – Debuted on the marathon distance in Barcelona in 2015

F3 – ZENEBE Fasika Metaferiya (ETHIOPIA)

2:30:05



Adama, Ethiopia 22 April 1989 **PB** MAR: 2:30:05 (Dubai 2016) – HMAR: 73:36 (Karlovy Vary 2013)

2016 MAR: 2:30:05 (Dubai 22-1)

HIGHLIGHTS 2nd La Rochelle 2014; 11th Dubai 2016

Born in Adama, in the Central Ethiopia, the capital city of Oromia region, about 100km far from Addis Abeba – Has 3 brothers – Lives and trains in Addis Abeba – Coached by Gemedu Dedefo with some of the best female athletes: Aselefech Mergia (2:19:31), Tirfi Tsegaye (2:19:41), Feyse Tadese (2:20:27), Amane Beriso (2:20:48) – Debuted on the marathon distance in La Rochelle (2nd, 2:39:30) in November 2014

F5 - DESALEGN Adhana Tsehay (ETHIOPIA)

PR

2005

2:31:25



Ethiopia 28 October 1991

PB MAR: 2:31:25 (Praha 2014) – HMAR: 69:04 (Copenhagen 2014) HIGHLIGHTS 3rd Hong Kong 2015, Gold Coast 2014; 4th Praha 2014 In 2014 closed 9th at half marathon WCh in Copenhagen - Holland's Gerard van de Veen is her manager

F6 - BENTHAMI Bouchra (FRANCE)

DEBUT



Morocco 18 May 1979 165 x 47

HMAR: 71:03 (Praha 2014) **BRONZE AT WCh ON THE 1,500M IN**

Born in Morocco, has been a French citizen since 2005 - Used to be a strong runner on the track and caught a medal in Helsinki 2005 - PB 2:00.29 4:01:28 (800),(1,500),8:35.41 (3000, still a French national record)

Monica Pont Chafer is

her manager

F9 - DAHMANI Kenza (ALGERIA)

2:39:21



Algeria 18 November 1980 PB MAR: 2:39:21 (Toulouse 2015) HMAR: 71:28 (Oran 2009)

2016 HMAR: 74:33 (Cardiff 26-3)

Won Toulouse marathon in 2009 (2:40:29)

43rd at HM WCh in 2016 (74:33)

Debudet marathon distance in 2008 (2:39:38) - PB 32:20.58 on 10,000m - Has run three times at cross country WCh - Monica Pont Chafer is her manager

F10 - EPIS Giovanna (ITALY)

2:39:28



Venice, Italy 11 October 1988 164 x 48

PB MAR: 2:39:28 (Florence 2015) - HMAR: 73:02 (Cremona 2011)

2016 HMAR: 74:46 (Fucecchio 6-3) **HIGHLIGHTS** 5th Florence 2015

Born in Venice - Lives in Legnano with her boyfriend who is also a runner and helps her in training sessions - Coached by Ruggero Grassi - Gianni Demadonna is her manager - Also her father Roberto runs at amateurial level (2:51:00 on the marathon) - Has a sister - Started running at school - Has been twice in the Italy's national team - Debuted on the marathon distance in Florence in 2015

F11 – TUSA Rahma (ETHIOPIA)

2:33:57



Ethiopia 1993 **PB** MAR: 2:33:57 (Shanghai 2015) -HMAR: 72:21 (Reims 2015) **2016** MAR: 2:37:14 (Xiamen 2-1) Lives and trains in Abeba Addis Coached by Haji Adilo Hussein Makke is her manager - Debuted last year on the marathon distance in Shanghai

F12 – SMOLNIKOVA Irina (KAZAKHSTAN)

2:40:22



Kazakhstan 21 July 1980 PB MAR: 2:40:22 (Moscow 2014)
Won Moscow marathon in 2013 and 2014
IN ROME In 2015 was 6th in 2:43:22
Sergey Nochevnyy is her manager – Her goal is to run the qualifying time for Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games

F13 – FARDELL Jane (AUSTRALIA)

2:37:35



Australia 7 February 1980

MAR: 2:37:35 (Paris 2013) - HMAR: 75:36 (Sidney 2012) **2016** MAR: 2:59:23 (Taipei 20-3) Used to race in triathlon, ironman included - Debuted on the marathon distance in 2010 -Has run marathons - Runs in Rome for the tourth time: 2:49:47 in 2010, DNF in 2011 and a 7th place with 2:45:07 in 2015

F14 – GONZALEZ Yamilka (SPAIN)

DEBUT



Cuba 23 January 1972 PB HMAR: 77:36 (Alicante 2006) Born in Cuba, has been a Spain's citizen since 2001