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**1 Emmanuel Mutai KEN/1984 2:03:13 Adidas**

Emmanuel Mutai is a full cousin to Richard Limo, the 2001 World Champion 5.000m. It is Richard who inspired him to become an athlete. But the route he choose went different than planned. Emmanuel was not really convinced of his abilities and thought it was better to combine running with a study in the USA. As he was waiting for all formalities to be fulfilled he trained with top-athletes like Richard Limo, Felix Limo and Eliud Kipchoge among others. During that period he showed signs of great potential and he got convinced that he could make it as a professional athlete.

After a Silver medal during the World Championships in 2009 he moved up to 2<sup>nd</sup> places in London and New York in 2010. After these runner-ups and several 2:06-marathons, Emmanuel in 2011 also stepped up to be one of the fastest runners in the World. While breaking Samuel Wanjiru's course record in London which he won in 2:04:40, his career highlight.

Another fruitful year was 2013, where Emmanuel, fought a close battle with his rival Tsegaye Kebede in London till the very last km to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup>. Later that year he again had to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Chicago Marathon lowering his PB to an astonishing 2:03:52, his first ever sub 2:04 performance. It was after this race, when Emmanuel's desire to break the WR (at that time 2:03:23) grew more and more. He decided to attempt it in the 2014 Berlin Marathon. A plan came to reality, breaking the old WR by 10 seconds, only to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> to Dennis Kimetto who again became the first man to break the 2:03:00 barrier in marathon.

In 2017 Emmanuel became the first elite athlete to run all the World Marathon Majors, the World Championships and the Olympic Games. He trains with familiar faces to Hamburg, such as former winners Eliud Kipchoge and Lucas Rotich and top 3 finishers Stephen Kiprotich and Philemon Rono.

2017	Valencia Marathon	10 <sup>th</sup>	2:10:14
2016	Berlin Marathon	12 <sup>th</sup>	2:10:29
2015	Berlin Marathon	4 <sup>th</sup>	2:07:46
2014	Berlin Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:03:13
2014	London Marathon	7 <sup>th</sup>	2:08:19
2013	Chicago Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:03:52
2013	London Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:06:33
2012	Olympic Games	17 <sup>th</sup>	2:14:49
2012	London Marathon	7 <sup>th</sup>	2:08:01
2011	New York Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:06:28
2011	London Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	2:04:40
2010	New York Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:09:18
2010	London Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:06:23
2009	World Championships Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:07:48
2009	London Marathon	4 <sup>th</sup>	2:06:53
2008	London Marathon	4 <sup>th</sup>	2:06:15
2007	Amsterdam Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	2:06:29

**2 Sammy Kitwara KEN/1986 2:04:28 Adidas**

Kitwara's childhood home was in Tot, a village in the Rift Valley lowlands, with a climate he says in general is too hot for running. Another reason not inviting to run there, Kitwara says, is because of the violent clashes between members of his tribe, the Marakwet and members of the nearby Pokot tribe. These clashes are already going on for some decades. which a.o. results in stealing cattle from each other, uptill now.

Sammy Kitwara went to Embomir Primary school and Kerio Valley Secondary school, from which he graduated in 2004. Then he went a large 100 kilometers to the south, to Eldoret, one of the Kenyan cities known for its top-athletes. "I saw I was not making any progress in life and my family needed assistance". "I saw people from Eldoret running on television and I became interested". "So I started training slowly, slowly". This was in 2006. Kitwara was doing well in local cross countries in 2007, followed by winning 4 national cross countries in 2008. Then he came under the attention of Dutchman Frans Denissen, who became his agent and still is, up till now.

Sammy Kitwara finished 5th in the 10.000 meters on track at the 2008 Kenyan Olympic Trials and won that distance at the 2009 Kenyan Championships. His decision to run -and win- the 10K Peachtree Road race in Atlanta USA one week later, led to dispute with the Kenyan Athletics Federation, with the result that Kitwara was knocked out of the Kenyan selection for the World Championships. That decision convinced him to leave the track forever and change to road racing.

Since 2008 Sammy Kitwara has been winning a big number of road races worldwide. Also he achieved top 3 positions in world-class marathons. His most recent marathon victory he took in 2017 when he won the Valencia Marathon in a new Course Record of 2:05:15. He set his Personal Best in 2014 in Chicago running 2:04:28, finishing pos. 2, 17 seconds behind compatriot Eliud Kipchoge, who holds the Hamburg Marathon record.

Sammy Kitwara trains in 2 areas. Periods he trains in Kaptagat, a village located 15 km south-east of Eldoret, other periods he trains in Ngong, a village 15 located km south-west of Nairobi. Sammy Kitwara resides in Eldoret with his wife Sylvia and their 2 children, 8-year-old Christian and 5-year-old Gynell. If I hadn't startted running? I would be a farmer, married with a lot of kids", Kitwara says.

2017	Valencia Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	2:05:15
2016	Taipei Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	2:09:59
2016	Amsterdam Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:05:45
2016	Boston Marathon	6 <sup>th</sup>	2:16:43
2015	Chicago Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:09:50
2015	London Marathon	6 <sup>th</sup>	2:07:43
2014	Chicago Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:04:28
2014	Tokyo Marathon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:06:33
2013	Chicago Marathon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:05:16
2013	Rotterdam Marathon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:07:22
2012	Chicago Marathon	4 <sup>th</sup>	2:05:54







**7 Solomon Deksis** **ETH/1994** **2:06:22** **Nike**

Solomon was born in Ambo in the Oromia region of Ethiopia and trains under coach Getaneh Tessema. He started running when he was at school, looking at Kenenisa Bekele and Haile Gebreselassie as his idols. Apart from running Solomon likes to watch football. He won his first marathon during the 2018 Mumbai Marathon.

2018	Mumbai Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	2:09:34
2017	Toronto Marathon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:11:27
2017	Tokyo Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:09:31
2016	Rotterdam Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:06:22
2014	San Diego Half Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	60:12

**8 Shumi Dechasa** **BRN/1989** **2:06:43** **Adidas**

Shumi Dechasa realized he was talented after running 20km between school and home every day and so he started running in 2005. He trains in the mountains around Addis Ababa. He made his marathon debut in the 2012 Hamburg marathon running aggressively from 25km onwards finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the end. Two years later, in 2014, he returned to Hamburg to win and run his personal best which still stands till today. Shumi is married to marathon athlete Shitaye Eshete, who is also competing in Hamburg 2018, and has a brother who is also a runner. Shumi was inspired by watching Kenenisa Bekele run and trains together with Guye Adola, Berlin Marathon 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the fastest debut ever run. Apart from running Shumi likes horse riding and running a small poultry farm.

2018	Mumbai Marathon	4 <sup>th</sup>	2:12:24
2017	World Championships Marathon	15 <sup>th</sup>	2:15:08
2015	World Championships Marathon	5 <sup>th</sup>	2:14:36
2015	Tokyo Marathon	4 <sup>th</sup>	2:07:20
2014	Hamburg Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	2:06:43
2014	Dubai Marathon	6 <sup>th</sup>	2:07:13
2013	Seoul Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:07:11
2012	Hamburg Marathon	4 <sup>th</sup>	2:07:56

**9 Solomon Yego** **KEN/1987** **2:07:12** **Adidas**

Solomon was born in Aruwos (Nandi county) around Kapsabet town in 1987. He has 2 sisters and 3 brothers and he is the 3rd born. He is married to Sally Jepkosgei and is father to a 4 year old son. He completed Primary School and immediately after primary school he started to focus on training. In 2007 he started his training around his home area. An athlete by the name of Jonah Kiptarus (not an international athlete) coming from his home played an important role at the beginning of Solomon

career; he is the one who advised him and gave him inspiration to become a runner. Till 2013 he mainly focused on his training and local XC but in 2013 he went abroad for the first time running some road races. His first road race was an 11.5km uphill race in Italy which he won. In 2014 he qualified for African XC championship in Kampala (Uganda), where he finished 4<sup>th</sup>. In 2016 he joined a group for training that included 2018 Tokyo marathon champion Dickson Chumba; Amos Kipruto; Evans Chebet, Barselus Kipyego. In March 2016 he ran 58'44" in Roma Ostia and in May he ran his first marathon in Prague running 2h 08' 31" taking position 3. With his first money, he managed to buy a tractor which could allow him to provide a service such as cultivation of lands for people. Solomon owns 3 acres of land where he plant mostly maize. When he is free from training, he likes spending time at home taking care of his boy. He likes Gospel music

2017	Ljubljana Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:09:36
2017	Paris Marathon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:07:12
2017	RAK Half Marathon	4 <sup>th</sup>	59:50
2016	Valencia Marathon	10 <sup>th</sup>	2:14:44
2016	Prague Marathon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:08:31
2016	Roma Ostia Half Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	58:44
2015	Udine Half Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	60:04
2014	African Championships Cross	4 <sup>th</sup>	





**F2 Shitaye Eshete BRN/1990 2:26:57 Adidas**

Shitaye Eshete was born in Arsi, in Shirka Region, about 300km from Addis Abeba. She grew up in a family with 4 children (2 brother and 2 sisters). When Shitaye won her school cross country championships in 2008 she started thinking of running as a possible career. She moved to Addis Abeba in 2010 and with the support of her father she started training hard.

Under Barhainian flag her dream to take part to the Olympic games came true, twice (2012 and 2016).

Shitaye is married from 2010 to athlete Shumi Dechasa and they have a 4 year old son, Anania Shumi. On return from her maternity she run her first Marathon in 2015 in Dubai, where she clocked her personal best (2h25'36"). Two other marathons followed, both in Japan (Osaka and Saitama). Her last race was in Italy, she won Naples Half Marathon on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

2018	Napoli Half Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	68:38
2017	Saitama Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:28:42
2017	Osaka Marathon	5 <sup>th</sup>	2:28:36
2017	World Championships 10.000m	12 <sup>th</sup>	31:38.66
2016	Dubai Marathon	6 <sup>th</sup>	2:25:36
2015	Usti Nad Labem Half Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	70:14
2013	World Championships 10.000m	6 <sup>th</sup>	31:13.79
2013	World Cross Championships	4 <sup>th</sup>	
2012	Olympic Games 10.000m	6 <sup>th</sup>	30:47.25
2011	World Cross Championships	12 <sup>th</sup>	
2011	World Championships 10.000m	6 <sup>th</sup>	31:21.57
2010	World Championships Cross	11 <sup>th</sup>	

**F3 Sylvia Kibet KEN/1984 2:26:16 Adidas**

Sylvia Kibet is coming back after delivering her 2<sup>nd</sup> child, a baby boy. She is one of the Kibet sisters and the cousin of Lornah Kiplagat, and the most successful of the three sisters on the track. She has won two silver medals at the World Championships 5000m, became fourth at the Olympic Games in Beijing, fourth at the World Championships in Osaka, and finished three times in fourth position at the World Indoor Championships 3000m. The marathon will be a new challenge for Sylvia. According to Sylvia, Growing up in a poor rural area had strengthened her mentality which is important to become a top athlete. Besides running, Sylvia takes care of her 10 year old daughter Britney, manages a petrol station, a guesthouse, a minimarket and a foundation to support children's education in rural areas.

2015	Hamburg Marathon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:26:16
2015	Rome Ostia Half Marathon	5 <sup>th</sup>	69:32
2014	Luanda 10km	4 <sup>th</sup>	32:47
2013	Dam tot Damloop 10EM	3 <sup>rd</sup>	52:06
2012	World Indoor Championships 3.000m	4 <sup>th</sup>	8:40.50
2011	World Championships 5.000m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14:56.21
2010	Commonwealth Games 5.000m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	15:55.61
2010	Shanghai Diamond League 5.000m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14:31.91
2009	World Championships 5.000m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14:58.33
2008	Olympic Games 5.000m	4 <sup>th</sup>	15:44.96

**F4 Beata Naigambo NAM/1980 2:26:57 None**

Beata Naigambo comes, unlike many other marathon athletes, from Namibia. She already ran her first marathon at the Commonwealth Games in 2002. Since then, she has improved her personal best to 2:27:54 (2013, Dubai) and represented her country in various World Championships, Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games. In 2010 she just missed the podium at the Commonwealth Games, finishing in fourth position. In that same year, Beata was third in the Hamburg marathon. Last year Beata ran the two best marathons in her career so far. She improved her personal best in Hamburg and won the Valencia marathon in another personal best of 2:26:57. In 2015 Beata managed to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in Hamburg Marathon. After two difficult years Beata feels that Hamburg is the place to come back and post a good marathon result again.

2017	World Championships Marathon	30 <sup>th</sup>	2:37:24
2017	Seoul International Marathon	12 <sup>th</sup>	2:40:58
2016	Valencia Marathon	7 <sup>th</sup>	2:33:10
2016	Olympic Games Marathon	41 <sup>st</sup>	2:36:32
2015	Valencia Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	2:26:57
2015	Hamburg Marathon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:27:28
2014	Valencia Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	2:30:54
2014	Rotterdam Marathon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:31:00
2013	Valencia Marathon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:30:48
2013	Dubai Marathon	9 <sup>th</sup>	2:27:54
2012	Dubai Marathon	14 <sup>th</sup>	2:29:20

**F5 Filomena Costa POR/1985 2:28:00 Adidas**

Filomena is one of Europe's best marathon runners who knows Hamburg Marathon as she finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the 2014 event setting a PB by that time of 2.31.08. A PB which she lowered a year later in Sevilla by winning the marathon in 2.28.00. Now Filemona is hopeful to qualify for the European Championships in Berlin, August 2018.

2017	World Championships Marathon	28 <sup>th</sup>	2:36:42
2016	Porto Marathon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:30:27
2016	Ovar Half Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	71:22
2015	World Championships Marathon	12 <sup>th</sup>	2:31:40
2015	Sevilla Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	2:28:00
2014	European Championships Marathon	15 <sup>th</sup>	2:32:50
2014	Hamburg Marathon	6 <sup>th</sup>	2:31:08

**F6 Birke Debele ETH/1995 2:29:45 Nike**

Birke Debele is an upcoming athlete from the group of Getaneh Tessema in Addis Ababa. She grew up in the Oromia region in a place called Wuchale. She is married but has no children and likes football. Her inspiration for running is fellow Ethiopian Tirunesh Dibaba. She has only competed in one marathon so far, placing fifth in the Lagos Marathon. She competed in the Seven hills race 15k in the Netherlands in 2017 which she won, by beating world champion Rose Chelimo.

2018	Mumbai Marathon	4 <sup>th</sup>	2:29:45
2017	Zevenheuvelenloop 15k	1 <sup>st</sup>	48:52
2017	Lagos Marathon	5 <sup>th</sup>	2:40:48

**F7 Tejitu Daba BRN/1991 2:31:32 Nike**

Ethiopian born Tejitu Daba competes for Bahrain and has won several medals at Asian championships for Bahrain. She ran 3000m, 5000m and 10.000m on the track for some years and made her road running debut in the 2015 TCS World 10k in Bangalore. This was the start of her road running career. She showed a good progression in 2017, running a personal best of 68:21 in the half marathon, followed by her marathon debut in Amsterdam.

Tejitu started running when she was inspired, she heard about the Dibabe sisters on the radio which inspired her to start running. Tirunesh Dibaba is her biggest example. Besides running, she likes to watch football. Tejitu is married to 2:05 marathoner Abera Kuma.

2018	Barcelona Half Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	68:36
2017	Amsterdam Marathon	8 <sup>th</sup>	2:31:32

2017	Lille Half Marathon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	68:21
2017	Madrid Half Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	71:29
2016	Dam tot Damloop 10 miles	2 <sup>nd</sup>	52:34
2014	Bilbao 3000m	1 <sup>st</sup>	8:52.24
2013	World Cross Country Championships	8 <sup>th</sup>	
2012	Asian Indoor Championships 3000m	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
2011	Pan-Arab Games 10.000m	1 <sup>st</sup>	

**F8 Mimi Belete BRN/1988 Debut**

Mimi Belete has won multiple Asian Championships and Asian Games medals on the track 1500m and 5000m and cross country. Her best times on track are 4:00.08 for 1500m, 8:30.00 for 3000m and 14:54.71 for 5.000m. Earlier this year she decided to move to the roads and she ran her debut half marathon in Verona which she won in a new course record.

2017	Verona Half Marathon	1 <sup>st</sup>	69:15 CR
2016	Doha Diamond League 3.000m	12 <sup>th</sup>	8:51.00
2015	World Championships 5.000m	11 <sup>th</sup>	15:17.01
2014	Doha Diamond League 3.000m	8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30.00
2014	Paris Diamond League 1.500m	7 <sup>th</sup>	4:00.08