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SATURDAY, 13th APRIL 2013

Coca-Cola 4.2 (4 km – for young runners from 10 to 18 years)
Start: 5:00 p.m.

Coca-Cola 2.0 (2 km – for kids from 6 to 10 years)
Start: 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 14th APRIL 2013

Vienna City Marathon (42.195 km)
Start: Wagramer Straße / UN Offices / Reichsbrücke, 9:00 a.m.

OMV Half Marathon (21,097 km)
Start: Wagramer Straße / UN Offices / Reichsbrücke, 9:00 a.m.

Krone Relay Marathon (Teams of four runners cover the marathon distance)
16.1 km / 5.7 km / 9.1 km / 11.295 km
Start: Wagramer Straße / UN Offices / Reichsbrücke, 9:00 a.m.

Finish for all races is at **Heldenplatz**.

Information: www.vienna-marathon.com

Late registration is only possible for the kids races COCA-COLA 4.2 AND COCA-COLA 2.0 at the Vienna Sports World, as long as starting places are available and no later than Saturday, 13th April, 3 p.m..

Vienna Sports World

Messe Wien, Hall D

Friday, 12th April, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, 13th April, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Kids registration closes on Saturday, 3 p.m.!

<http://www.vienna-marathon.com/?url=viennasportsworld&lang=en>

Timeline April 14, 2013

08:57 a.m. Start Elite Halfmarathon, incl. Haile Gebrselassie
08:59 a.m. Start Elite Marathon Men + Women
09:00 a.m. Start Marathon, OMV Halfmarathon, Krone relay marathon

TV Broadcast, Livestream & Live Ticker

ORF2	14. April 2013	08:40	08:55	Vienna City Marathon - Countdown
ORF2	14. April 2013	08:55	12:00	Vienna City Marathon 2013 (Start: 9:00)
OSP	14. April 2013	12:00	13:00	LIVE Vienna City Marathon 2013
ORF1	14. April 2013	12:00	12:20	Highlights Coca-Cola 4.2
OSP	14. April 2013	20:15	23:15	Highlights VCM 2013

The live broadcast by Austrian TV Corporation ORF is available **worldwide** via **Livestream** on www.vienna-marathon.com on Sunday, April 14, from 8:40 a.m. CEST (UTC +02:00).

A **Live Ticker in English** is available on race day parallel to the live stream.





30th Vienna City Marathon welcomes 41,000 runners!

Huge participation record at the jubilee edition

The Vienna City Marathon is happy to welcome 40,957 runners from 118 nations who have registered for one of the events on the weekend 13th and 14th April 2013! This is a new participation record for this IAAF Gold Label Race, topping last year's figures of 36,157 by a huge margin. The biggest growth took place in the marathon race with 10,510 entries, an increase by 26 percent compared to 2012.

Preliminary entry figures VCM 2013

Marathon	10,510
OMV Half Marathon	14,907
Krone Relay Marathon	12,556 (=3,139 Teams)
Coca-Cola 4.2	1,743
Coca-Cola 2.0	1,241
Total	40,957

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Vienna Sports World

Expo of the Vienna City Marathon
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- **No late registration for Marathon, OMV Half Marathon and Krone Relay Marathon!**
- **Kids registration closes on Saturday, 13th April, 3 p.m.!**
- **No Expo and race documents on Sunday, 14th April!**

International Friendship Party

The Vienna City Marathon would be missing something without quintessential Austrian pancakes "Kaiserschmarrn" or classic pasta dishes at the International Friendship Party! Those who didn't experience it yet should come to the beautiful banqueting hall of Vienna's Town Hall!

Time: Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

http://www.vienna-marathon.com/?url=side_events/01_friendship_party&lang=en

NEW: Festival for Youth

New at the VCM: On Saturday, April 13, from 4:30 p.m. onwards we are celebrating the Festival For Youth on Vienna's Heldenplatz. The finish of the kids races with thousands of young runners takes centre stage at an atmospheric celebration.

http://www.vienna-marathon.com/?url=side_events/06_fest_jugend&lang=en



Haile Gebrselassie targets hat trick in Vienna

Running Legend start in the OMV Champions Race at the half marathon distance

Haile Gebrselassie goes for a Vienna hat trick. One of the greatest athletes of all times will come back to the Austrian capital and compete in the half marathon, which will be staged parallel to the Vienna City Marathon on 14th April. The Ethiopian who turns 40 four days after the race in Vienna has won the OMV Champions Race in the past two years and now intends to add a third win plus possibly attack his own course record.

“We could not have hoped for a better ambassador for our jubilee race than Haile Gebrselassie. He loves Vienna’s spectators – and I believe the same applies the other way round. Haile Gebrselassie still is the most thrilling personality in running worldwide. We are very proud that he again chose to run in Vienna,” said Race Director Wolfgang Konrad. There are only very few road races in the world, where Haile Gebrselassie has competed three times in a row. Besides Vienna the marathons of Berlin and Dubai plus the Manchester 10 k race are among them.

The two-time Olympic 10,000 m champion had come to Vienna for the first time in 2011. He then established the present half marathon course record of 60:18. A year ago Haile Gebrselassie competed again in the OMV Half Marathon. This time he ran a chase race against Britain’s world marathon record holder Paula Radcliffe, who had been given a head-start of several minutes. Since Radcliffe had not been fully fit she was overtaken by Gebrselassie relatively early. The Ethiopian clocked 60:52 minutes at his second victory in Vienna. Other competitors for this year’s race will be announced at a later stage.



Defending champion Henry Sugut faces tough opposition

Jafred Chirchir Kipchumba, Gilbert Yegon and others target course record of 2:06:58

The Vienna City Marathon is one of Europe's most traditional big city races over the classic distance. When it will see its 30th edition on 14th April there will be an elite men's field that will fit to the occasion. Defending champion and course record holder **Henry Sugut** will return to what is Austria's biggest sporting event. The Kenyan will be up against tough opposition: Among them is **Jafred Chirchir Kipchumba**, who features a personal best of 2:05:48. With this time the Kenyan will be the fastest runner ever entered into the race. The Vienna City Marathon is an IAAF Gold Label road race.

A year ago Henry Sugut improved the course record of the Vienna City Marathon significantly. He won the race with 2:06:58, which was 40 seconds faster than the time fellow-Kenyan Abel Kirui had achieved in 2008. Additionally it was the first sub 2:07 result on Austrian soil and Henry Sugut became the first man to repeat a victory in Vienna since 1992. His first victory had come in 2010. Next month he could make another significant contribution to the history of the race. If the 27 year-old can win again he would become the only athlete besides Austria's Gerhard Hartmann (1985 to '87) to take the Vienna Marathon three times.

But it will get tough for Henry Sugut on 14th April. Among a number of strong fellow-Kenyans there is Jafred Kipchumba, who features a PB that is more than a minute faster than Sugut's. The 29 year-old has won the Eindhoven Marathon in 2011 with 2:05:48. And he has some good memories from the Vienna City Marathon as well. It was in 2009 when he ran his debut in the Austrian capital, clocking a fine 2:10:42 for sixth place. Additionally next month's race will give **Gilbert Yegon** a chance to get his revenge. The 24 year-old was second in last year's race, when he precisely matched the time of the former course record (2:07:38). His personal best however stands at 2:06:18, which he ran winning the Amsterdam Marathon in 2009.

Peter Kamais, winner of the Xiamen Marathon 2012, should be equally strong. He clocked his personal best of 2:07:37 in China. Three Kenyan runners who know the Vienna City Marathon well could feature prominently. Willy Kibor placed fifth in Vienna last year, clocking his personal best of 2:08:35. **Geoffrey Ndungu** took the Dublin Marathon in 2011 with a PB of 2:08:35. He had been seventh in last year's Vienna City Marathon with a time of 2:10:00. **Josphat Kamzee** finished in 12th position in 2012 with 2:12:02. In autumn he improved a lot by running 2:08:41 in Berlin.

Strongest European runners in the field are Russian record holder **Aleksey Sokolov** (2:09:07) and **Oleksandr Sitkovskyy** from Ukraine who has a personal best of 2:09:26. In 2012 he placed in excellent 12th position at the Olympic Marathon in London. Former steeplechaser **Mustafa Mohamed** from Sweden, who had been announced earlier, withdrew after suffering a cold and losing an important week in his training camp.



Rosaria Console returns to Vienna for an exciting women's marathon race

Will she write another Italian chapter to the race's history? Tough opposition from Ethiopia and Kenya suggests a fast race.

Italian women have played significant roles in the history of the Vienna City Marathon, which will celebrate its 30th edition on 14th April. They have won the race three times and the course record still belongs to Maura Viceconte, who had run 2:23:47 back in 2000. So it is no surprise that there is an Italian name on the list of the elite women, which were announced today by the organisers.

Rosaria Console is one of four athletes with personal bests of sub 2:27. The 33 year-old returns to the scene where she triumphed nine years ago. Console will hope to add another successful Italian chapter to the history of Austria's most prestigious road race. But she will meet tough opposition in Vienna.

In contrast the women's course record has not been broken in the past twelve editions of the Vienna City Marathon. Back in 2000 **Maura Viceconte** became the first Italian to win this race, clocking 2:23:47. Two more Italian winners followed a few years later: First **Lucilla Andreucci** took the race with 2:35:32 in 2003, then Rosaria Console ran 2:29:22 in what probably still ranks as her biggest marathon win. Her personal best is just one and a half years old, which shows that the 33 year-old is still going strong. It was in Berlin in 2011 where she ran 2:26:10.

Rosaria Console is the third fastest runner entered for the women's elite field of the Vienna City Marathon. Two Ethiopians have superior times: **Haile Kebebush** won in Shanghai in 2011 with 2:24:09. However last year did not go that well for her. She was fifth in the Düsseldorf Marathon with 2:29:02. In contrast **Assefa Meskerem** had a fine debut more recently: She was third in Houston this January with 2:25:17 despite poor weather conditions. Her switch to the marathon was quite a surprise. The 27 year-old had been a 1,500 m runner and had not run further in competition than 10 k. Assefa Meskerem competed in the Olympic 1,500 m last year in London. At this distance she had won a silver medal at the African Championships in 2008 and has a PB of 4:02.12 from the Diamond League Meeting in Rome 2011.

Another Ethiopian runner who can be expected at the front is **Goitetom Haftu**. Four times she ran 2:28 or faster. Her personal best of 2:26:21 is from Rome Marathon 2011 where she finished second. In Paris 2012 she clocked 2:27:28 for fourth place.

The fifth runner with a personal best of sub 2:27 comes from Kenya: **Emily Samoei** won the Barcelona Marathon a year ago with 2:26:52, improving by almost eight minutes. An equally strong runner is Russian **Olga Glok** who finished second last year in Vienna with a personal best of 2:27:18.

A staggering improvement like the one from Emily Samoei could well happen on Vienna's roads on 14th April as well. **Filomena Cheyech Daniel** has a personal best of 2:34:13. But the 30 year-old Kenyan comes to Vienna after winning the Rome Ostia Half Marathon recently in a world-class time of 67:39 minutes. This indicates that she is a serious contender for victory in Vienna. If she can transform her half marathon form to the full distance she might even be able to break Maura Viceconte's course record.



The Vienna City Marathon: a classic, innovative and breathtaking experience

Since its premiere in spring 1984 with exactly 794 finishers the Vienna City Marathon (VCM) has taken a positive development not to be foreseen.

Now Austria's biggest sports event, 31,000 runners from 118 different nations have registered for one of the events at the 30th edition of the race. The previous record figure was 36,157 from 2012. Besides the full marathon – an IAAF Gold Label Road Race – a half marathon, a relay marathon and two kids events are staged. Former world-class steeplechaser Wolfgang Konrad has been responsible for the organization of this sports event from 1989 onwards.

World class performers

Some of the fastest and prominent runners in the world have won here, including the running legend Haile Gebrselassie in the 2011 half marathon, reigning double World champion and Olympic silver medallist Abel Kirui who holds the course record in the marathon and former Kenyan distance star Moses Tanui. Many young athletes have used Vienna as a springboard for their international careers. The highlight so far was a half marathon chase race in 2012 between marathon world record holder Paula Radcliffe from Great Britain and double Olympic champion Haile Gebrselassie from Ethiopia.

Fascinating capital city

Vienna fascinates as both a historic and modern cultural capital – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart spent the peak of his creativity here, Sigmund Freud developed psychoanalysis in Vienna, while museums, theatres and concert halls offer the visitor a fascinating range of interests. Vienna has a global reach, is home to the United Nations and many other international organisations. The Vienna City Marathon blends these elements to give the participants the chance to experience marathon running in a unique way. Classical music and culture, modern lifestyle, innovations and the traditions of Vienna lie at the core of it.

Marathon Sound of Vienna

In 2005 Vienna's cultural heritage as the "world capital of music" was integrated into the marathon for the first time. Participants have the chance in the days before the competition to get in the mood for the race with classical music. Following the motto "run vienna - enjoy classics", since then there were concerts with the Vienna Philharmonic under Sir Simon Rattle, Christian Thielemann or the outstanding pianist Rudolf Buchbinder as well as concerts with the Vienna Boys' Choir.

During the race, runners discover their rhythm in tune with the melodies of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the waltz king Johann Strauß being played along the course. At the very start runners are welcomed to the strains of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy." Vienna would not be Vienna if the finishing straight on the Heldenplatz didn't have a suitable accompaniment. While spectators in their thousands in the packed stands await the approach of the winner to the sound of Richard Strauss' "Thus spoke Zarathustra", a tide of emotion is unleashed over the last 200 metres as the runners approach the finish line. This finishing straight, we dare say, it is one of the most beautiful anywhere in the world, is just as moving an experience for the great mass of runners.



Visiting a Museum Wearing Shorts!

The Vienna City Marathon takes you to Vienna's most impressive modern and historic sights. Runners start between the skyscrapers of the UNO complex, the site of the United Nations at the river Danube, run across the Reichsbrücke, then pass the giant ferris wheel and enter the green parks of the Wiener Prater. In the city center the course is lined by the magnificent historic buildings of Ringstrasse. Some of the highlights such as the Opera, Secession, Schloss Schönbrunn, Parliament and Burgtheater are situated directly at the course and create a very particular ambience. Finally the finish at Heldenplatz in front of the buildings of the former imperial Hofburg, right in the heart of Vienna, is internationally unique.

The VCM as an Innovative Marathon

The VCM has made itself a reputation as an innovative marathon. In 1995 the world premiere of using the champion chip for timing at a big road race without using a back-up system took place in Vienna. In 2000 another world premiere was launched here: the SMS result-service was introduced. Immediately after crossing the finish line the participants and their accompanying persons were sent their results and places via text messages on their mobiles. In 2005 this service was expanded by sending the interim in real time at 5km intervals. For several years now the team of Prof. Dr. Alois Ferscha who developed this for the Vienna City Marathon provides this service also at the Berlin Marathon. In 2013 a renewed VCM App for mobile phones is the next step in technological developments.

Background Information Vienna City Marathon

The Vienna City Marathon (VCM) was first held in 1984 and has since become Austria's largest sporting event, involving more than 40,000 runners. Competitors from over 110 nations underline its international reputation. 300,000 spectators cheer on the runners along a route that takes them past numerous historical monuments. The event combines running with Vienna's classical culture and music and offers a platform for social and charity projects. The VCM provides an important boost to the economy and each year generates domestic spending of EUR 18 million. The runners will put in over 3 million hours of training in preparation for the Vienna City Marathon, making the VCM Austria's biggest exercise and health initiative. The IAAF has awarded the Vienna City Marathon the IAAF Road Race Gold Label, the world's highest category of road race.



Events & Specials at the VCM 2013

VCM App for Smart Phones and Tablets

The all new **Vienna City Marathon 2013 App** provides you with plenty of information before, during, and after the Marathon event. Services include Newsreader and Live-Ticker, Course Map, Runner Tracking and Results.

The VCM App is available for Android phones and tablets at Google play and for iOS devices (iPhone, iPod touch, iPad) at the App Store.

Live Ticker & Live Stream

The live broadcast by Austrian TV Corporation ORF is available **worldwide** via **Livestream** on www.vienna-marathon.com on Sunday, April 14, from 8:40 a.m. CEST (UTC +02:00). Commentary is in German. A **Live Ticker in English** is available on race day parallel to the live stream.

VCM Raceweek

The most important events during the VCM weekend at a spot!

<http://insider.vienna-marathon.com/?url=raceweek&lang=en>

World Class in Vienna

Running legend Haile Gebrselassie, marathon course record holder Henry Sugut and other elite runners in an „IAAF Gold Label“ Road Race.

Vienna Sports World

Austria's biggest sports fair on April 12 and 13, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Messe Wien, Hall D.

International Friendship Party

Runners, friends and children enjoy traditional Austrian „Kaiserschmarrn“ (a pancake) and Italian pasta in the ballroom of the Vienna City Hall on Saturday, April 13, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Festival for Youth

New at the VCM: On Saturday, April 13, from 4:30 p.m. onwards we are celebrating the Festival For Youth on Vienna's Heldenplatz. The finish of the kids races with thousands of young runners takes centre stage at an atmospheric celebration.

Hospitality & Party

The finish area at the Heldenplatz in the heart of the city turns into a huge celebration zone on race day. Enjoy music, food, drinks and the excitement of the marathon.

„Marathon Sound of Vienna“

Classic music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, waltz king Johann Strauß and others will accompany the runners on the course covering the most important modern and classic sights of Vienna.

Ready – Healthy – Go

VCM Medical Centre and VCM Emergency System for the health and security of the runners.

Clean Running

The VCM Manifesto about fairness in sports was signed by more than 60,000 supporters already.

VCM Friendship Runner

Runners from 27 countries who live in Vienna and act as „ambassadors“ for their fellow runners who take part in the Vienna City Marathon.



Elite Athletes Vienna City Marathon 2013

Männer | Men

Nr.	Name	Surname	Born	Nation	PB	Place, Event
1	Sugut	Henry	04.05.1985	KEN	2:06:58	1. Wien 12
2	Kipchumba	Jafred	08.08.1983	KEN	2:05:48	1. Eindhoven 11
3	Yegon	Gilbert	06.08.1988	KEN	2:06:18	1. Amsterdam 09
4	Kamais	Peter	07.11.1976	KEN	2:07:37	1. Xianmen 12
5	Kiptoo	Solomon	27.08.1987	KEN	2:08:30	6. Eindhoven 12
6	Ndungu	Geoffrey	11.03.1984	KEN	2:08:35	1. Dublin 11
7	Kibor	Willy	03.04.1986	KEN	2:08:32	5. Wien 12
8	Kamzee	Josphat	1984	KEN	2:08:41	5. Berlin 12
9	Sokolov	Aleksey	14.11.1979	RUS	2:09:07	1. Dublin 07
10	Bushendich	Ishmael	07.07.1991	KEN	2:09:09	1. Enschede 12
11	Sitkovskyy	Oleksandr	09.06.1978	UKR	2:09:26	1. Bila Tserkva 11
12	Mamo	Edeo	13.09.1990	ETH	2:10:31	7. Tiberias 13
14	Rahautsou	Stsiapan	29.05.1986	BLR	2:12:04	14. Wien 12
15	Shutov	Fedor	10.02.1986	RUS	2:12:09	Moskau 12
16	Mohamed	Mustafa	01.03.1979	SWE	2:12:28	9. Hamburg 12
17	Chepkopol	Stephen	15.10.1981	KEN	2:13:14	2. Beirut 12
18	Marusin	Oleg	15.02.1981	RUS	2:13:58	1. Pjöngyang 11
19	Kiplagat Mitei	Vince	10.08.1984	KEN	2:15:57	14. Nairobi 10
20	Zolnerovics	Valerijs	19.04.1985	LAT	2:16:29	35. Frankfurt 11
21	Silva	Sergio	23.09.1984	BRA	2:17:02	36. Frankfurt 11
22	Glukhov	Vasilij	20.09.1983	RUS	2:21:03	Moskau 11
23	Kuftyrev	Artem	07.03.1988	RUS	2:21:08	St. Petersburg 12
28	Hammer	Gernot	15.02.1978	AUT	2:26:30	Wien 10
29	Wadl	Michael	23.07.1986	AUT	Debüt	



Elite Athletes Vienna City Marathon 2013

Frauen | Women

Nr.	Name	Surname	Born	Nation	PB	Place, Event
F2	Haile	Kebebush	13.04.1986	ETH	2:24:09	1. Shangai 11
F3	Assefa	Meskerem	20.09.1985	ETH	2:25:17	3. Houston 13
F4	Console	Rosaria	17.12.1979	ITA	2:26:10	7. Berlin 11
F5	Haftu	Goitetom	1987	ETH	2:26:21	2. Rom 11
F6	Samoei	Emily	11.11.1980	KEN	2:26:52	Barcelona
F7	Glok	Olga	16.12.1982	RUS	2:27:18	2. Wien 12
F8	Ptikany	Mary	1978	KEN	2:29:45	4. Frankfurt 05
F9	Nonata da Silva	Cruz	18.08.1974	BRA	2:32:46	7. Wien 12
F10	Cheyech	Flomena	05.07.1982	KEN	2:34:13	1. Porto Alegre 12
F11	Chagas	Michele	17.07.1987	BRA	2:35:09	3. San Antonio 11
F12	Todoran	Paula	09.07.1985	ROM	2:43:28	2. Rom. Champs
F14	Godoy	Rosa	19.03.1982	ARG	Debüt	HM 72:42
F15	Danci	Lilian	18.06.1990	ROM	Debüt	HM 77:29
F16	Dinca	Ionela	08.08.1991	ROM	Debüt	HM 78:49
10005 HM	Maxwell	Tanith	02.06.1976	RSA	HM 73:22	Port Elizabeth 10



Elite Athleten im Fokus - Männer

Text in German only!

- 1 Henry SUGUT | Kenia** 27 Jahre 2:06:58 (VCM 2012)
Geb. 4. Mai 1985
VCM-Sieger 2010 und 2012. Streckenrekordhalter mit 2:06:58 Stunden im Vorjahr. Österreichischer All Comer's Record. Mit dem Sieg in Wien 2010 in 2:08:40 Stunden gelang Henry Sugut der Durchbruch. Im gleichen Jahr in Frankfurt kam er in 2:10:43 auf Rang 10, schaffte aber 2011 in Paris an 7. Stelle eine persönliche Bestzeit von 2:08:21 Stunden. Ebenfalls 2011 blieb er mit 2:08:56 Stunden in Frankfurt erneut unter der 2:09-Marke. Lust auf echte Topzeiten hat er sich im September 2011 in Berlin geholt, wo er als Pacemaker beim Marathon-Weltrekord von Patrick Makau bis Kilometer 25 einen hervorragenden Job erledigte. Beim VCM 2012 knackte er zum ersten Mal die 2:07er Marke und erzielte mit 2:06:58 Stunden neuen Streckenrekord und persönliche Bestzeit.
Bestzeit 5000m 13:08,90min
Bestzeit 10.000m 27:51,34min
- 2 Jafred CHIRCHIR KIPCHUMBA | Kenia** 29 Jahre 2:05:48 (2011)
Geb. 8. August 1983
Marathon: Debüt beim VCM 2009 in 2:10:42. Sieger in Mailand 2010 in 2:09:15. Zweiter in Toronto 2010 in 2:08:10. Sieger in Eindhoven 2011 in 2:05:48.
Jafred Chirchir Kipchumba ist mit seiner Bestzeit von 2:05:48 Stunden der schnellste Läufer, der je für einen Marathonstart in Wien gewonnen wurde. Mit ihm kommt ein Vertreter jener Läufergeneration zurück nach Wien, die im Jahr 2009 beim Vienna City Marathon in einem reinen Debütantenrennen erstmals bei einem Marathon gestartet ist. Chirchir nutzte diese Chance sich zu präsentieren und erreichte damals in guten 2:10:42 Stunden den sechsten Platz. Im Jahr darauf feierte er in Mailand seinen ersten internationalen Sieg, ehe er sich im Herbst 2010 in Toronto auf 2:08:10 Stunden steigerte. Der große Durchbruch gelang ihm am 9. Oktober 2011 in Eindhoven, wo er in Streckenrekordzeit von 2:05:48 Stunden triumphierte. Eine Verletzung verhinderte daraufhin gute Ergebnisse. Der Trainingskollege von Geoffrey Mutai, dem Sieger der Marathons von Berlin 2012 sowie Boston und New York 2011, ist aber nun wieder bereit, an seine besten Leistungen anzuschließen.
- 3 Gilbert YEGON | Kenia** 24 Jahre 2:06:18 (2009)
Geb. 6. August 1988
Marathon: Sieger in Amsterdam 2009 beim Marathondebüt in damaliger Streckenrekordzeit von 2:06:18 Stunden. In Berlin 2010 war er lange auf eine Zeit Richtung 2:05 Stunden unterwegs, fiel aber am Ende zurück und kam in 2:10:34 Stunden an. Im Vorjahr zeigte er beim Vienna City Marathon ein hervorragendes Rennen und lief hinter Henry Sugut in 2:07:38 Stunden auf den zweiten Platz.
- 4 Peter KAMAIS | Kenia** 36 Jahre 2:07:37 (2012)
Geb. 7. November 1976
Marathon: 12. New York 2010, 11. Boston 2011 (2:09:50), 1. Xiamen 2012 (2:07:37 PB), 5. Xiamen 2013 (2:09:53). Sieger des New York City Halbmarathons 2010 mit 59:53 Minuten.
Mit Peter Kamais kommt ein weiterer pfeilschneller Marathonsieger nach Wien. Seine Bestzeit von 2:07:37 Stunden ist er bei seinem Erfolg im Jänner 2012 in Xiamen (China) gelaufen. Der 36-jährige Kenianer wird sich in Wien sicher ganz nach vorne orientieren.
- 5 Solomon KIPTOO | Kenia** 25 Jahre 2:08:30 (2012)
Geb. 27. August 1987
Marathon: 6. Platz Eindhoven 2012 in 2:08:30. Halbmarathon 1. Platz Poznan 2012 in 1:02:00.
Solomon Kiptoo hat noch wenige internationale Rennen bestritten. Der Marathon in Eindhoven war jedoch ein sehr beachtliches Debüt.
- 6 Geoffrey NDUNGU | Kenia** 29 Jahre 2:08:35 (2011)
Geb. 11. März 1984
Marathon: Sieger Dublin Marathon 2011 (2:08:35) und 2012 (2:11:09). 7. Platz beim VCM 2012 in 2:10:00.
Nach seinem guten Auftritt in Wien im Vorjahr hat er sicher das Zeug, sich weiter nach vorne zu orientieren und die 2:10-Marke zu unterbieten.
- 7 William KIBOR | Kenia** 27 Jahre 2:08:32 (VCM 2012)
Geb. 3. April 1986
Marathon: Sieger Shanghai Marathon 2011 (2:10:21). 5. Platz VCM 2012 (2:08:32). DNF Seoul 2013. Wien kennt er und er ist im Vorjahr hier stark gelaufen. Was es heißt, einen Marathon zu gewinnen, hat er in Shanghai 2011 erlebt. Vielleicht kommt beides am 14. April am Heldenplatz zusammen?



8 Josphat KAMZEE | Kenia

29 Jahre

2:08:41 (2012)

Geb. 1984

Zwei Mal ist Josphat Kamzee schon beim VCM gelaufen. 2011 mit 2:16:45 und 2012 mit 2:12:02 Stunden. Im Herbst des Vorjahres gelang ihm beim Berlin Marathon ein wichtiger Sprung. In 2:08:41 Stunden lief er auf den fünften Platz. Damit hat er auch beim dritten Antreten in Wien gute Chancen auf eine vordere Platzierung.

9 Aleksey SOKOLOV | Russland

33 Jahre

2:09:07 (2007)

Geb. 14. November 1979

Schnellster Europäer im Feld. Der zweifache Sieger des Dublin Marathons ist mit 2:09:07 Stunden russischer Rekordhalter. Der Olympiateilnehmer von Peking (21.) und WM-Teilnehmer von Daegu 2011 (19.) ist für Zeiten nahe an die 2:10-Stunden-Marke gut.

10 Ishmael BUSHENDICH | Kenia

21 Jahre

2:09:09 (2012)

Geb. 7. Juli 1991

Zwei Rennen, zwei Siege: So lautet die kurze aber doch vielversprechende Marathonbilanz des jungen Kenianers. Bei seinem Debüt in Enschede im April 2012 war er in 2:09:09 Stunden erfolgreich. Im November des Vorjahres feierte er in La Rochelle in 2:09:12 Stunden einen zweiten internationalen Triumph. Um in Wien ebenfalls vorne zu sein, muss er wohl schneller laufen. Ein Mann, den man nicht aus dem Auge lassen sollte.

11 Oleksandr SITKOVSKYY | Ukraine

34 Jahre

2:09:26 (2011)

Geb. 9. Juni 1978

Einmal schaffte es der Ukrainer unter die 2:10-Stunden-Marke, bei den nationalen Meisterschaften 2011 in Bila Tserkva, wo er den Titel holte. Bei den Marathons in Laibach 2007 und La Rochelle 2009 war er ebenfalls siegreich, beide Male mit 2:10er-Zeiten. Seine stärkste Leistung gelang ihm aber vergangenen Sommer beim Olympiamarathon von London. Dort lief er auf den ausgezeichneten 12. Platz (2:12:56 Stunden).



Elite Athleten im Fokus – Frauen

F2 Haile KEBEBUSH | Äthiopien

27 Jahre

2:24:09 (2011)

Geb. 13. April 1986

Schnellste im Feld ist die 27-jährige Äthiopierin Haile Kebebusch. Als Siegerin des Shanghai Marathon 2011 hat sie hervorragende 2:24:09 Stunden erzielt. Dazu erreichte sie beim Rom Marathon als Zweite 2010 (2:25:31) und Dritte 2011 (2:27:39) starke Ergebnisse. Nicht ganz so gut lief es für sie in Düsseldorf 2012, wo sie in 2:29:02 Stunden den fünften Platz erreichte. In Wien zählt sie zum engsten Kreis der Favoritinnen.

F3 Assefa MESKEREM | Äthiopien

27 Jahre

2:25:17 (2013)

Geb. 20. September 1985

Aseffa Meskerem kommt mit einem außergewöhnlichen läuferischen Hintergrund nach Wien. In der Zeit von 2:25:17 Stunden hat sie heuer am 13. Jänner beim Houston Marathon den dritten Platz erreicht und damit bei kühlen, regnerischen und windigen Bedingungen ein überraschendes Marathondebüt hingelegt. Noch im vergangenen Sommer war sie bei den Olympischen Spielen von London über die 1500 Meter am Start. Ihre Bestzeit von 4:02,12 Minuten auf der Mittelstrecke erzielte sie beim Diamond League Meeting in Rom 2011. Nach Silber bei den Afrikameisterschaften 2008 und je zwei WM- und Olympiateilnahmen über 1500 Meter hat sie nun einen sehr seltenen Schritt gemacht, und ihre Wettkampfdistanz um mehr als 40 Kilometer erweitert.

F4 Rosaria CONSOLE | Italien

33 Jahre

2:26:10 (2011)

Geb. 17. Dezember 1979

Das bekannteste Gesicht im Elitefeld ist die Italienerin Rosaria „Rosalba“ Console, die bereits im Jahr 2004 beim Vienna City Marathon triumphiert hat. Ihre Marathonbestzeit von 2:26:10 Stunden hat sie 2011 in Berlin erzielt. Bei internationalen Meisterschaften gelangen der 33-Jährigen stets starke Auftritte. Beachtliche Platzierungen bei den Olympiamarathons von Athen 2004 (16.) und London 2012 (30.) sowie Top-10 Plätze bei den Europameisterschaften in München 2002 (5.) und Barcelona 2010 (8.) unterstreichen ihre Klasse. Siebenmal ist sie unter 2:30 Stunden gelaufen. Halbmarathonbestzeit 69:34 Minuten (Ostia 2005). Kann sie ein weiteres italienisches Erfolgskapitel beim VCM schreiben? Dreimal haben Läuferinnen aus Italien bereits in Wien gewonnen. Auch der Streckenrekord ist seit dem Jahr 2000, als Maura Viceconte 2:23:47 gelaufen ist, fest in italienischer Hand. Rosaria Consoloe ist seit 2004 verheiratet mit Daniele Caimmi, Marathonbestzeit 2:08:59 (Mailand 2002), WM-Sechster 2003 in Paris. Die beiden haben eine gemeinsame Tochter (geb. 2007). Caimmi ist in Wien als Pacemaker für seine Frau im Rennen.

F5 Goitetom HAFTU | Äthiopien

26 Jahre

2:26:21 (2011)

Geb. 1987

Viermal ist die Siegerin des Marathons von La Rochelle (2010) bereits unter 2:29 Stunden gelaufen. Ihre Bestzeit von 2:26:21 Stunden erzielte sie als Zweite des Rom Marathon 2011. In Paris 2012 lief sie auf den starken vierten Platz (2:27:28).

F6 Emily SAMOEI | Kenia

32 Jahre

2:26:52 (2012)

Geb. 11. November 1980

Als Siegerin des Barcelona Marathons 2012 in starken 2:26:52 Stunden machte die Kenianerin einen Riesensprung. Davor war sie in 13 Marathons nie schneller als 2:34 Stunden gelaufen.

F7 Olga GLOK | Russland

30 Jahre

2:27:18 (VCM 2012)

Geb. 16. Dezember 1982

Als VCM-Zweite von 2012 hat die Russin ihre persönliche Bestzeit von 2:27:18 Stunden erzielt. Kann sie heuer erneut so weit vorne mitlaufen? 2009 siegte sie beim Prag Marathon in 2:28:27, bis dato ihr größter Erfolg. Als Zweite beim Athens Classic Marathon im Jahr 2010 – zum 2500-Jahr-Jubiläum des Mythos Marathon – hat sie ein sehr starkes Resultat gebracht. Mit 69:58 Minuten am Halbmarathon (17. Platz bei der WM in Udine 2007) ist sie auch über die 21,1km stark.

F10 Flomena CHEYECH | Kenia

30 Jahre

2:34:13 (2012)

Geb. 5. Juli 1982

Für eine Überraschung könnte Filomena Cheyech Daniel gut sein, denn die Marathonbestzeit der 30-jährigen Kenianerin von 2:34:13, gelaufen in Porto Alegre 2012, ist sicher ausbaufähig. Darauf weisen ein achter Platz bei der Halbmarathon-WM 2009 hin und vor allem ihre jüngst erzielte Halbmarathon-Weltklassezeit von 67:39 Minuten. Damit holte sie am 3. März beim Rom-Ostia Halbmarathon den Sieg.

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