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KIPTUM SMASHES COURSE RECORD AND HASSAN STUNS ON DEBUT

- Switzerland's Marcel Hug sets new course record of 1:23:44
- Madison de Rozario (AUS) wins elite women's wheelchair race
- Sifan Hassan (NED) stuns on debut to win in 2:18:34
- Kenya's Kelvin Kiptum smashes course record to set new best of 2:01:27

Men's wheelchair race

First to finish the 2023 TCS London Marathon today was Switzerland's Marcel Hug, who smashed the course record he set here in 2022, finishing in a time of 1:23:44, as he defended his title in imperious style to take his fifth London Marathon win – and his third London victory in a row.

After leading for most of the race, Hug crossed the Finish Line five minutes clear of runner-up Jetze Plat of the Netherlands, who finished in 1:28:44, with Tomoki Suzuki of Japan third in 1:30:00.

Great Britain's David Weir finished in fifth place in 1:32:45 on his 24th consecutive appearance at the event.

Women's wheelchair race

In the women's wheelchair event, just six seconds separated the first four women, as Madison de Rozario (AUS) held off Switzerland's Manuela Schär in a sprint finish to take her second London win on the line in 1:38:51.

Runner-up Schär clocked 1:38:53, ahead of last year's winner Catherine Debrunner (SUI), who crossed the line in third in 1:38:54, with Susannah

Scaroni (USA) fourth in 1:38:57.

Elite women's race

In the elite women's event, Sifan Hassan (NED) stunned the best women's field ever assembled by sprinting down The Mall to win on her marathon debut. After a shaky start, when she stopped to stretch a couple of times and dropped behind the lead group, the Dutch track legend finished in 2:18:33, just three seconds ahead of Kenya's Alemu Megertu, who recorded 2:18:37, with Peres Jepchirchir (KEN) third in 2:18:38.

Kenya's Sheila Chepkirui was fourth in 2:18:51, with defending champion Yalemzerf Yehualaw (ETH) fifth in 2:18:53.

Elite men's race

The elite men's race also produced a stunning finish when Kenya's Kelvin Kiptum kicked on alone for the final miles to smash Kipchoge's 2019 course record, setting a new best time of 2:01:25 and missing out on the world record by just 18 seconds.

Geoffrey Kamworor made it a Kenyan one-two as he crossed the line second in 2:04:23, with Ethiopia's Tamirat Tola third in 2:04:59.

Kiptum becomes the second fastest man ever over the marathon distance behind Eliud Kipchoge and will be celebrating a dream start to his 26.2-mile career after making the fastest debut ever last December, when he won the Valencia Marathon in 2:01:53.

Great Britain's Emile Cairess was the first British man to cross the line on his debut at the distance, finishing sixth in 2:08:07, with Phil Seseman eighth in 2:10:23 and Sir Mo Farah ninth in 2:10:28 on his final London Marathon appearance.

More than 48,000 are expected to finish the TCS London Marathon today, while around the world thousands of people are taking part in the virtual event, covering their 26.2 miles on a course of their choice any time between 00:00 and 23:59 today.

For flash quotes from the elite races, visit our [media resources](#).

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Interviews with elite athletes – including winners – celebrities and charity runners will be available, free of charge to access and for use across all media channels worldwide (please note standard BT Tower downlink charges may apply for broadcasters wishing to access live delivery of the elite press conferences). B-roll will also be available. Further content will be distributed daily until Monday 24 April and will be downloadable via online link.

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Notes to Editors

About the London Marathon

- The 2023 TCS London Marathon will take place today, Sunday 23 April.
- The London Marathon was first held on 29 March 1981 and the millionth finisher in the history of the event crossed the line in 2016.
- Since the first London Marathon in 1981, the event has raised more than £1 billion for charity.
- The 2023 TCS London Marathon Official Charity of the Year is Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity.
- London Marathon Events gifts its surplus each year to the London Marathon Foundation (the operating name of The London Marathon Charitable Trust, a registered charity (283813) and a company limited by guarantee registered in England & Wales (01550741), registered office: 190 Great Dover Street, London, SE1 4YB).
- Since 1981, the London Marathon Foundation has awarded £100 million to more than 1,600 projects that inspire activity in London and across the UK.
- For more information, visit tcslondonmarathon.com

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