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SIR MO FARAH AND EILISH McCOLGAN LEAD BRITISH ENTRIES FOR 2023 TCS LONDON MARATHON

- **Sir Mo looking forward to returning to streets of London on Sunday 23 April**
- **McColgan excited to finally make TCS London Marathon debut**
- **Emile Cairess making step up to 26.2 miles**
- **Jess Piasecki and Charlotte Purdue join McColgan in women's field**

British distance running stars Sir Mo Farah and Eilish McColgan have confirmed they will both take part in the 2023 TCS London Marathon on Sunday 23 April.

Sir Mo was forced to withdraw from last year's TCS London Marathon just days before the race after sustaining a hamstring injury. He has now recovered from that setback and is looking forward to returning to his home-town marathon for the first time since 2019.

"I was really disappointed to miss last October's TCS London Marathon because of injury," said Sir Mo. "But I'm so happy the event has returned to April for 2023 as I don't have to wait a whole year to get another chance. The London Marathon has always been special to me and I am looking forward to being back out there on the roads of my home town."

Farah, the multiple Olympic and world champion, is the fastest British marathon runner in history. He has raced the full London Marathon on three occasions with a best-placed finish of third coming in 2018, the same year he won the Bank of America Chicago Marathon and set the British record of 2:05:11.

Reigning Commonwealth Games 10,000m champion McColgan was also scheduled to run the 2022 TCS London Marathon last October. But the Scottish star, whose mum Liz famously won the 1996 London Marathon, opted to postpone her debut over the 26.2-mile distance until this year after experiencing problems taking on fuel while preparing for last October's race.

McColgan and her support team have had further time to work on fuelling during long runs and she is now looking forward to her marathon debut with anticipation.

She said: *"It was disappointing not to have taken part in last year's TCS London Marathon. I had such a fantastic summer on the track and the plan was always to follow that with my marathon debut in London. But I have been able to take further time to fully prepare for running a marathon and April will come around very quickly so I am extremely excited.*

"The London Marathon is obviously a special event for me and my family with my mum having won the 1996 race and I just can't wait to experience it for myself."

McColgan, 32, will come into the race after a stellar year in 2022 when she won a gold medal in the 10,000m and silver medal in the 5,000m at the Commonwealth Games – followed by another double medal haul at the European Championships, when she won a silver in the 10,000m and bronze in the 5,000m. She also broke the British records on the road for 10K (30:19) and 5K (14:45).

British athletes joining McColgan on the Start Line of the 2022 TCS London Marathon also include the second and fourth-fastest Britons of all time over the marathon distance: Jess Piasecki and Charlotte Purdue.

Piasecki ran 2:22:25 at last year's Seville Marathon to go second in the British all-time rankings behind only Paula Radcliffe and will be making her TCS London Marathon debut. The 32-year-old represented Great Britain at the 2022 World Championships in Oregon and is previous winner of the Florence Marathon.

Purdue is the fourth-ranked British female marathon runner in history with her personal best (PB) of 2:23:26 which she set at the 2021 London Marathon. The 31-year-old is another athlete who was frustrated by having to withdraw from last year's TCS London Marathon after catching a sickness bug just days before the race.

Stephanie Davis, the 11th-fastest British woman of all time, who competed in the marathon for Great Britain at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, also returns to London for the first time since 2019, while Samantha Harrison, who was sixth in both the Commonwealth Games and European Championships 10,000m last year, is also in the field.

There is an exciting British marathon debutant in the elite men's race in the shape of Emile Cairns, 25, who comes into the event after a superb run at the 2022 European Cross-Country Championships, where he won a silver medal behind Norway's 1500m Olympic and 5000m World Champion Jakob Ingebrigtsen. He is also the joint-holder of the British 10K record alongside Sir Mo Farah (27:44) and the fourth-fastest British man in history over the half marathon distance (60:32).

The first British finisher at last year's TCS London Marathon Weynay Ghebresilasie returns, as do Tokyo Olympians Chris Thompson and Ben Connor.

See below for the full list of British athletes in the elite men and women's fields.

The full men's elite field, including international athletes, as well as the elite men's and women's wheelchair fields will be announced tomorrow (Wednesday 1 February). The full elite women's field will be announced on Thursday (2 February).

2023 TCS London Marathon: British elite men

- Sir Mo Farah (Personal best 2:05:11 NR)
- Dewi Griffiths (2:09:49)
- Chris Thompson (2:10:52)
- Ben Connor (2:11:20)
- Joshua Griffiths (2:11:28)
- Luke Caldwell (2:11:33)
- Weynay Ghebresilasie (2:11:57)
- Phil Sesemann (2:12:10)
- Charlie Hulson (2:13:34)
- Andrew Heyes (2:13:52)
- Adam Craig (2:13:58)
- Ross Braden (2:14:32)
- Nick Earl (2:14:38)
- Nigel Martin (2:15:19)
- Ronnie Richmond (2:16:59)
- Nicholas Bowker (2:17:35)
- Alex Milne (2:17:40)
- Josh Lunn (2:17:59)
- Fraser Stewart (2:18:40)
- Matthew Dickinson (2:19:23)
- Emile Cairaess (Debut)

2023 TCS London Marathon: British elite women

- Jess Piasecki (Personal best 2:22:27)
- Charlotte Purdue (2:23:26)
- Stephanie Davis (2:27:16)
- Rosie Edwards (2:31:56)
- Samantha Harrison (2:32:22)
- Eilish McColgan (Debut)

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About the London Marathon

- The 2023 TCS London Marathon will take place on 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.

- The 2023 TCS London Marathon Official Charity of the Year is Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity.
- Since the first London Marathon in 1981, the event has raised more than £1 billion for charity.
- London Marathon Events gifts its surplus each year to The London Marathon Charitable Trust.
- Since 1981, The London Marathon Charitable Trust has awarded grants totalling in excess of £98 million to more than 1,500 projects in London and across the UK.
- For more information, visit tcslondonmarathon.com

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