

EYES ON WORLD MARK

Kipchoge to attack world record in Berlin Marathon on Sunday

BY JONATHAN KOMEN

Eliud Kipchoge, the reigning Chicago and London Marathon winner, will be targeting the world record if conditions will allow at the BMW Berlin Marathon on Sunday.

Kipchoge will marshal forces with former Berlin Marathon winner Geoffrey Mutai (2:03:02) and 2011 London Marathon winner Emmanuel Mutai (2:03:13) to lower the all-time mark set by Dennis Kimetto (2:02:57) in the German capital.

Kipchoge beat all odds to overcome defending champion Wilson Kipsang after a neck and neck battle in the final two-kilometre stretch in London Marathon last April.

"My biggest focus is to improve my personal best time, but I have always said anything is possible and if the conditions are good, the record is possible," said Kipchoge.

He is a man of few words who likes to go about his business quietly. He rarely comments on issues, evasive but keen to post congratulatory messages on his Facebook wall to the media and his coach after winning big races.

"I've always believed that I'm the best competitor. That keeps me strong against rivals," he said.

Kipchoge is familiar with the Ber-

lin course, having finished second in the 2013 race with a personal best time of 2:04:05 in a race that saw compatriot Wilson Kipsang shatter the then world record, clocking 2:03:23.

"I know Berlin well as I was second when Kipsang set the world record so, like I said, I'm hopeful things will look up for me," he said. They will leave for Berlin this evening.

The London Marathon was simply a moment for Kipchoge to revenge against Kipsang, who beat him at the 2013 Berlin Marathon when he broke the world record.

Kipchoge, however, borrows from American poet Arthur Guiterman: "Admitting errors clears the score and proves you wiser than before."

"When I was entered in London Marathon together with Kipsang, I went back to the drawing board and re-examined where I went wrong in Berlin. I will get there to perhaps rectify the mistakes I might have made in Berlin," Kipchoge said.

The Berlin Marathon is one of six World Marathon Majors races with the Chicago Marathon (October 11) and New York Marathon (November 1) the only races remaining in the calendar after the Tokyo, Boston and London races that were held in February and April.



Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge poses with his trophy after winning the Men's Elite race last April. (PHOTO: REUTERS)

Cycling event starts in Limuru

BY ERICK OCHIENG'

The sixth edition of the Standard Chartered Bank's Mountain Bike competition, popularly known as the Rift Valley Odyssey (RVO), was flagged off at Brackenhurst Hotel in Limuru.

The five days' series was flagged off by Standard Chartered Bank acting Head of Corporate and Institutional Clients Raphael Onyango.

The competition has attracted 72 riders from across the globe. World beaters in the contest include Charlie Hare and Chris Brand from South Africa, Thomas Holden from Tanzania, Duncan Hall from UK, the Standard Chartered team of David Kinjah, Davidson Kamau and Douglas Sidialo, who is the 'Seeing is Believing' Ambassador, and who is co-riden by Joseph Mwangi.

The day one route is 98km long and traverses the southern tip of the vast Aberdares forest complex, from Limuru through Uplands, Gatamaiyo, Kijabe, Longonot, Kedong before the riders finish off at Lake Naivasha.

A total of 455km will be covered in the five-day contest that will cut across Kenya's spectacular Great Rift Valley involving serious climbing, technical descents and high altitude with rough and rugged trails.

Riders are required to be physically fit, mentally strong, and technically proficient for the contest.

Record entry of foreigners for Sunday's Concours D'Elegance

BY FEVERPITCH REPORTER

A record 23 entries from outside Kenya has boosted the international standing of the CBA Africa Concours D'Elegance, which will take place at the Ngong race course on Sunday.

The 45th edition of the event, organised by Alfa Romeo Owners Club, has full Africa continental status and has been recognised and sanctioned by the FIM Africa since 2006.

Kigali-based Matthew Wilson will ride his 2003 Yamaha VMax round the motorcycle judging ring to become the first ever competitor from Rwanda. Fifteen members of the Uganda Bikers Association (UBA) will ride their massive bikes from Kampala to Nairobi to contest the classes for big street and trail motorcycles.

Uganda classic and vintage car enthusiasts will be following the tyre marks of the UBA members with three entries. Leslie Carvell has driven her 1970 VW Beetle from Jinja to appear in the Concours for the second time.

First time competitor Ronald Walusimbi will bring his 1974 Mercedes Benz W114 by road to Nairobi.

The star attraction from Uganda will be the 1937 Wolseley of Kalvins Kagwa, which was ferried to Nairobi by truck. The three-litre Wolseley was a popular limousine in pre-World War II Britain and Kagwa's machine will become the first example to appear at the Racecourse.

Among Kagwa's rivals for honours in the class for pre-1940 cars will be the 1939 Ford Model A coupe of Simon Fisher and Ramesh Gupta's 1926 Ford Model T, which will be the oldest car in contention.

The favourite "golden oldies" are Diccon Wilcock's 1934 Railton and the 1928 Ford Model A Tudor of Phoenix Aviation which are both previous overall winners.

The Vintage Motorcycle Club of South Africa is represented by three impressive bikes which will pull spectators to the motorcycle en-



An entrant for the motorbike section of the Concours D'Elegance preparing for the event to be held on Sunday.

closure. Professional heavy weight boxer Bevan Beckmann will be astride his 1946 Harley Davidson, Piet Maas has prepared a rare 1927 Raleigh and Gerald Roelofs is pinning his hopes on a 1925 Triumph. The South Africa contingent has been sponsored by the Galleria Shopping Mall and Jubilee has insured the valuable machines.

The classiest event on the motor sport calendar has a full field of 70 cars and 40 motorcycles which is the maximum allowed by the regulations. These limits have been set to ensure high standards of judging.

The list of Concours cars and motorcycles shows a happy mix of newcomers and regulars. Among the cars which spectators will see for the first time is a 1962 Triumph Herald being prepared by Magdi Riad.



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MORNING DRAW				AFTERNOON DRAW					
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7:00AM	B. KEMBOI,	C. KIPTALA,	F. MBURU;	11:10AM	AMU SHAH,	N. NDUATI,	I. CHEMTAI,	JUZER SHABBIR;	
7:10AM	N. TOROREI,	G. LAGAT,	H. S. PLAHE;	R. CUTHBERT	11:20AM	A. S. GUJRAL,	L. SANG,	A. NDUATI,	A. NANDWA;
7:20AM	DR. SITATI,	A. BUTIT,	D. KIPTUM,	DR. H. YEGO;	11:30AM	J. WATUNU,	PARIT SANGRAJKA,	J. LOBOSO,	J. KORIR;
7:30AM	DR. FERREJ,	NILAM SHAH,	STAN MWANGI,	K. KIMOSOP;	11:40AM	S. AGGARWAL,	F. KIRUI,	C. KEBENEI,	RAVI SHAH;
7:40AM	DR. SUGUT,	HINA SHAH,	K. K. SEREM,	S. GREWAL;	11:50AM	JOSEPH YEGO,	DR. E. MUTAI,	FRED KIBOR,	JAIDEEP SHAH;
7:50AM	LINA SHAH,	D. CHEMWENO,	DR. KIPTOO,	PRABH LOCHAB;	12:00PM	RISHAB SAGOO,	NATU LAKHANI,	B. KIMANI,	J. TANUI;
8:00AM	ILA SHAH,	R. CHEMAYIEK,	MOSE SAMMY,	VINAY SHAH;	12:10PM	W. SAMOEI,	PAULINE KIMANI,	A. KORIR,	NAWAZ MANJI;
8:10AM	C. NGANGA,	JAMES WAWERU,	J. KAYAGO,	TOM MUTEI;	12:20PM	KAMAL SHAH,	E. RUTTO,	C. MUNGE,	D. ORGUT;
8:20AM	C. GATUA,	N. NAPOO,	W. BETT,	SHANTI SHAH;	12:30PM	J. NDUNDA,	R. TOROTICH,	DR. KIRAN SHAH,	AJAY SHAH;
					12:40PM	PYARE AGGARWAL,	F. N. NDEGWA,	LUCY NJUGUNA,	C. CHUMO;
					12:50PM	NEEL SHAH,	MICHAEL ROTICH,	N. AGGARWAL,	C. KENEI;
					1:00PM	G. S. MATHARU,	S. GUJRAL,	V. S. SAGOO,	DR. M. G. MWANGI;

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