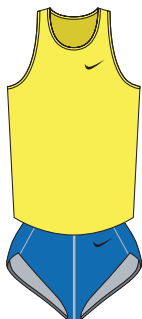


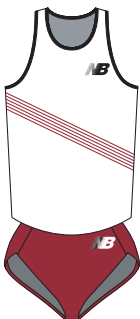
Robert Kipkoech Cheruiyot



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Kenya
PB: 2:07:14
(Boston, 2006) CR
Boston Winner
Chicago Winner

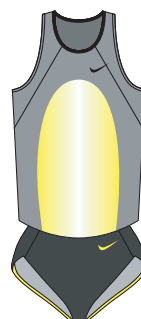
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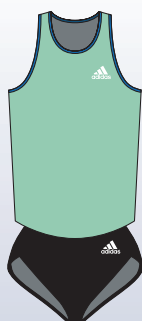
Robert Cheboror



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Kenya
PB: 2:06:23
(Amsterdam, 2004)

Philip Manyim



bib#
4

Kenya
PB: 2:07:41
(Berlin, 2005)

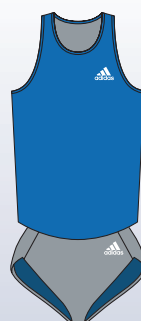
Teferi Wodajo



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Ethiopia
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(Seoul, 2004)

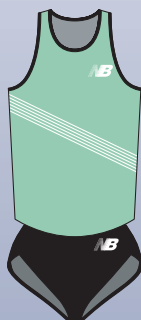
Hailu Negussie



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Ethiopia
PB: 2:08:16
(Hofu, 2002) CR

Stephen Kiogora



bib#
7

Kenya
PB: 2:09:21
(Chicago, 2004)

Ruggero Pertile

bib#
8

Italy
PB: 2:10:12
(Rome, 2004)

It's all about the promisesSM

I don't remember a day in my life without running. I live to run, and — thanks to my victories in Boston and Chicago — I am the World Marathon Majors Leader of 2006, which has been my proudest running accomplishment. My Boston experiences have also been very positive. I really like this course even if it's quite hard, but the more difficult a race is, the more I *commit* myself to do my best.

– Robert Kipkoech Cheruiyot, Bib #1

When I started running I made a *promise* to myself to strive to run as well as my uncle, Joseph Chesire, who finished fourth in the Olympic Games.

– Benjamin Maiyo, Bib #2

My promise is to win a Major marathon in 2007, while my *philosophy* in life is: "Life is hard, but God knows what is good for each one of us."

– Philip Manyim, Bib #4

My *commitment* is to win the World Championships or the Olympics.

– Hailu Negussie, Bib #6

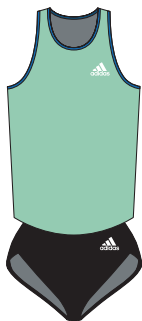
When I saw that I could run well, I made a *promise* to myself to work hard so that I could make a better life for my children.

– Stephen Kiogora, Bib #7

When I was not an elite athlete yet, I *promised* myself to work very hard to make sure that one day I would become a fast and strong international athlete who is able to run with the first group in big marathons.

– Robert Cheboror, Bib #3

Stanley Leleito



bib#
9

Kenya
PB: 2:10:17
(Zurich, 2005)

Hosea Kiprop Rotich



bib#
10

Kenya
PB: 2:10:18
(Nairobi, 2006) CR

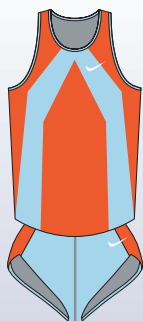
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(Brescia, 2006)

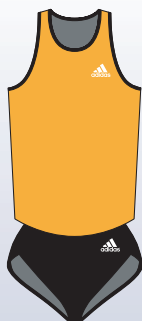
Stephen Biwott



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Kenya
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(Carpi, 2005)

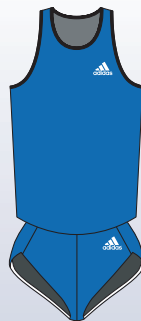
Tekeste Kebede



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Ethiopia
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(San Diego, 2004)

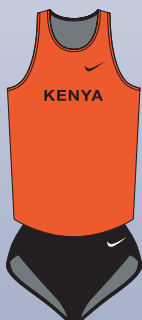
Mohammed El Hattab



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Morocco
PB: 2:11:50
(London, 2002)

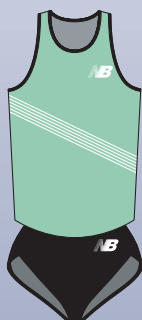
Samuel Ndereba



bib#
15

Kenya
Debut

James Koskei



bib#
16

Kenya

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I don't like to make promises when it comes to running or the marathon (as you never know what can happen) but what I do *promise* is that every time I line up to compete, I have prepared well and I will give everything I have in the race. Boston is a once in a life time chance for me to prove what I am capable of.

– Stanley Leleito, Bib #9

I have *promised* my Lord that I will do my best to assist young upcoming athletes to achieve their best.

– Hosea Kiprop Rotich, Bib #10

My *commitment* is to win a Major marathon or win the World Championships or Olympics.

– Tekeste Kebede, Bib #13

Since I was young, I worked hard to be a good athlete, and I hope to be able to realize this *dream* and make a good result in the Boston Marathon.

– James Kwambai, Bib#11

When I first found success in racing, I *promised* myself to train hard and become the best long distance runner in my country.

– Stephen Biwott, Bib #12

I *promised* myself and my family that I would do my best by running the best I can. I want to win a major marathon.

– Mohammed El Hattab, Bib #14

I am very much *committed* to my life in running, because I keep myself training hard every day except Sunday, when I go to church. So after committing myself I am sure that I can change my life standard from a lower to a higher level. I have seen many others do this, so why not me?

– Samuel Ndereba, Bib #15

Rita Jeptoo

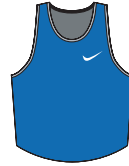


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Kenya
PB: 2:23:38
(Boston, 2006)
Boston Winner

Jelena Prokopczuka



bib#
2



Latvia
PB: 2:22:56
(Osaka, 2005) NR
New York City Winner

Deena Kastor



bib#
3



United States
PB: 2:19:36
(London, 2006) NR
London Winner

Madai Perez



bib#
4



Mexico
PB: 2:22:59
(Chicago, 2006) NR

Robe Tola Guta



bib#
5



Ethiopia
PB: 2:24:35
(Hamburg, 2006) = CR

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In Kenya, when you compete, your whole community supports you, and when you return from a major win, you're thrown a big party, not only by family and friends, but your entire village. This, of course, happened after my win in Boston. This sense of support has really helped me with my training and traveling and running. In turn, I made a *promise* to help my family — which in Kenya is normally a numerous one — running has enabled me to keep this promise, and raise my family's standard of living by purchasing things such as a house and a car.

– Rita Jeptoo, Bib #F1

After my first marathon in Paris, where I placed fifth, I made a *commitment* to train hard and never miss my training sessions.

– Jelena Prokopcuka, Bib #F2

Since I discovered how much I enjoyed running, I *promised* myself one day to participate in the Olympic Games and in my way toward the Games to improve every time I run in a competition.

– Madai Perez, Bib #F4

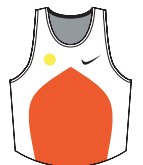
For the 22 years I have been running I have *promised* myself to keep setting loftier goals in this sport. Boston is my next lofty focus.

– Deena Kastor, Bib #F3

When I first found success in racing, I *promised* myself to train hard and become the best long distance runner in my country.

– Robe Tola Guta, Bib #F5

Lidiya Grigoryeva



Russia
PB: 2:25:10
(Los Angeles, 2006) CR



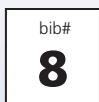
Lyubov Denisova



Russia
PB: 2:25:18
(New York City, 2004)



Alice Chelangat



Kenya
PB: 2:26:36
(Milan, 2001)



Giovanna Volpato



Italy
PB: 2:28:59
(Treviso, 2006)



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I want to be the best runner, win a Major Marathon, be in the first three at the Olympics, and my *dream* is to run under 2:20.

-Lidiya Grigoryeva, Bib #F6

When I started running I *told* myself I had to train hard to represent my country in one major event like the World Championships or the Olympic Games. And it was great when my federation called me to represent Kenya in the Athens Olympic Games for the marathon event.

-Alice Chelangat, Bib #F8

I never imagined that one day that I would run the marathon, especially one like Boston, and that already is a dream come true! I am happy and proud of my achievements, but this doesn't mean I still can't reach new goals. For example, every athlete's *wish* is to take part in the Olympic Games.

-Giovanna Volpato, Bib #F10

My first chance to run in the Olympics is going to be in 2008. The *promise* I have made in my life in regards to running is to win an Olympic medal.

-Lyubov Denisova, Bib #F7