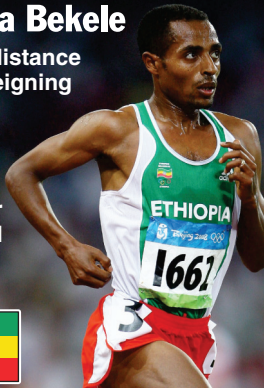


Kenenisa Bekele

Ethiopian distance runner is reigning Olympic champion and world record holder over 5,000m and 10,000m



■ **Born:** June 13, 1982

■ **Birthplace:** Bekoji, Ethiopia

■ **Olympic medals:** 10,000m gold at Athens Games in 2004, silver in 5,000m. Gold in both events in 2008

■ **World championships:** Four consecutive 10,000m wins between 2003 and 2009. In 2009 becomes first athlete to win 5,000m and 10,000m at same championships

■ **Cross-country:** 11 world titles between 2002 and 2008 – most successful cross-country runner ever

■ **World records**

■ **5,000m:** 12:37.35 – Hengelo, 2004

■ **10,000m:** 26:17.53 – Brussels, 2005

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