

Mo Farah: Going the distance in London

Reigning 5,000m and 10,000m world champion Mo Farah will lead Team GB at London 2017 – the four-time Olympic champion is expected to end his track career this season to focus on marathon running

FARAH: AHEAD OF THE PACK

■ **Born:** March 23, 1983

■ **Birthplace:** Mogadishu, Somalia

■ **Early career:** Arrives in England as refugee in 1993. Talent spotted and receives funding – wins first 5000m title at European Junior Championships in 2001

■ **2007:** Finishes sixth in 5000m at World Championships in Osaka

■ **2008:** Fails to progress through 5000m heats at **Beijing Olympics**

■ **2011:** Sets European 10,000m record. Breakthrough at World Championships in Daegu, becoming first British man to win gold in 5,000m



■ **2012:** Wins long-distance double at **London Olympics**. Claims 10,000m title on “Super Saturday” after golds for fellow Britons **Jessica Ennis-Hill** and **Greg Rutherford**, before roaring down home straight seven days later to win 5,000m

■ **2013:** Emulates Ethiopian great **Kenenisa Bekele** as only second man in history to achieve Olympic and World Championship “**double-double**” in long-distance events

■ **2015:** Repeats double gold medal triumph at World Championships in Beijing

■ **2016:** Accelerates to glory to retain both titles at **Rio Olympics**

■ **2017:** Aiming to extend nine-race winning streak in major competitions in London

