

Assefa smashes marathon world record

Ethiopia's Tigst Assefa knocked a full two minutes off the world record on the fast, flat Berlin Marathon course, with her split times showing she actually got faster in the second half of the race

WOMEN'S WORLD RECORD PROGRESSION*

Hrs:mins:secs

Violet Piercy GBR
3:40:22
World best set in 1926, stands until 1963

3:40

3:30

3:20

3:10

3:00

2:50

2:40

2:30

2:20

2:10

2:00

1963

1973

1983

1993

2003

2013

2023

*Time initially listed as **World best** – replaced by **World record** in Jan 2004

Paula Radcliffe GBR 2:15:25
Record stands for 16 years

Brigid Kosgei KEN
2:14:04

Tigst Assefa ETH
2:11:53
New world record

ASSEFA'S 1KM SPLIT TIMES

Mins:secs

Projected finish 2:15:10

All split times below 3:10 in second half of race

First km 3:12

0km

10km

20km

30km

40km

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