Student breaks 110m hurdles world record

***Ja'Kobe Tharp*, a 20-year-old U.S. student, has smashed the 110m hurdles world record at a college track event in Oregon – clocking a time of 12.75 seconds (with a legal tailwind of one metre per second)**



WORLD RECORD PROGRESSION, *since 1977, when World Athletics* introduced automated timing to 1/100th second*

13.30 seconds

13.20

13.10

13.00

12.90

12.80

12.70

Sofia
Aug 21, 1977
A. Casañas
(CUB)
13.21

San Jose
Apr 14, 1979
R. Nehemiah
(USA)
13.16

Athens
Aug 27, 2004
X. Liu
(CHN)
12.91

WORLD ATHLETICS

Zürich
Aug 19, 1981
R. Nehemiah
(USA)
12.93

Stuttgart
Aug 20, 1993
C. Jackson
(GBR)
12.91

Ostrava
Jun 12, 2008
D. Robles
(CUB)
12.87

Brussels
Sep 7, 2012
A. Merritt
(USA)
12.80

Eugene
Jun 10, 2026
J. Tharp
(USA)
12.75

Westwood
May 6, 1979
R. Nehemiah
(USA)
13.00

Zürich
Aug 16, 1989
R. Kingdom
(USA)
12.92

Athens
Jul 11, 2006
X. Liu
(CHN)
12.88

NEW WORLD RECORD

1980 1990 2000 2010 2020

*Formerly International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)

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