

London, UK, October 4 (Infosplusgabon) - Shura Kitata of Ethiopia on Sunday won the 2020 London Marathon in a thrilling finish as he sprinted away from Kenya's Vincent Kipchumba and his Ethiopian compatriot Sisay Lemma in the last few metres of the race. His time was 2:05:41.

Kipchumba clocked 2.05:42 while Lemma was third with a time of 2:05:45.

The three men was bunched together as they came into the home straight, but Kitata finally burst away to win the race.

Not too far off were two other Ethiopians — Mosinet Geremew and Mule Wasihum. Geremew came in at 2:06:04 while Wasihun's time was 2:06:08.

Kenyan World record holder and favourite Eliud Kipchoge came in a distant eighth with a time of 2:06:49, far below his world record of 2:01:39.

In the women's event, Kenyan Brigid Kosgei defended her title, winning in 2:18.58 ahead of American Sara Hall who clocked 2:22.01.

Kenyan Ruth Chepngetich was third in 2:22:05.

Elite Men

1. Shura Kitata (ETH) — 2:05:41
2. Vincent Kipchumba (KEN) — 2:05:42
3. Sisay Lemma (ETH) — 2:05:45
4. Mosinet Geremew (ETH) — 2:06:04
5. Mule Wasihun (ETH) — 2:06:08
6. Tamirat Tola (ETH) — 2:06:41

7. Benson Kipruto (KEN) — 2:06:42

8. Eliud Kipchoge (KEN) — 2:06:49

9. Sondre Moen (NOR) — 2:09:01

10. Marius Kipserem (KEN) — 2:09:25

17. Jared Ward (USA) — 2:12:38

Women's Elite

1. Brigid Kosgei (KEN) — 2:18:58

2. Sara Hall (USA) — 2:22:01

3. Ruth Chepngetich (KEN) — 2:22:05

4. Ashete Bekele (ETH) — 2:22:51

5. Alemu Megertu (ETH) — 2:24:23

6. Molly Seidel (USA) — 2:25:13

7. Gerda Steyn (RSA) — 2:26:51

8. Sinead Diver (AUS) — 2:27:07

9. Darya Mykhaylova (UKR) — 2:27:29

10. Valary Jemeli (KEN) — 2:28:18

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