

Olympic champion Eliud Kipchoge to run the Virgin Money London Marathon

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Olympic champion Eliud Kipchoge will return to the Virgin Money London Marathon on 22 April 2018 looking to make it a hat-trick of wins in the capital.

The Kenyan superstar won in 2015 and was an agonising eight seconds away from the current world record of two hours two minutes and 57 seconds when he won again a year later.

Kipchoge, 33, will now return in 2018 looking to confirm his status as the greatest marathon runner of his generation.

“The Virgin Money London Marathon is a race that holds very special memories for me,” he said. “I won it in 2015 and 2016 and both are days that I will never forget.

After his second London victory in 2016, Kipchoge went on to win the Olympic marathon in Rio and become the fastest marathoner in history when he ran 2:00:25 in an unratified race in Monza, Italy.

His last 26.2 miles was the BMW Berlin Marathon in September when he again went close to the world record, this time finishing in 2:03:32 – 36 seconds off the mark set by his countryman Dennis Kimetto in Berlin in 2014.

“I feel like I’m in good form,” said Kipchoge. “Berlin was difficult because the weather was not good but my time showed I was in the right shape. As ever with marathon running, everything needs to come right on the day. The competition is always tough in London so I must wait and see how well I train and what the weather will be. I know that I have the world record in me so we will have to wait and see what happens.”

Kipchoge is the second star name to be added to the men’s elite field for the 2018 Virgin Money London Marathon after Britain’s own Olympic champion Sir Mo Farah.

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