

The fastest-ever 4x400m splits – men

THE BEST LEGITIMATE MARKS, OFFICIAL, UNOFFICIAL AND ESTIMATED

¶ – Team disqualified for violation by another athlete; # – distance medley race (1200m, 400m, 800m, 1600m); # – sprint medley race (200m, 200m, 400m, 800m); ! – derived from photo-cell; A – at high altitude; e – estimated time; y – time for 440 yards (or 4x440 yards), worth 0.3 (or 1.1) quicker than 400m/4x400m.

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| 42.94* | Michael Johnson | USA | 4 | Stuttgart | 22 Aug 93 | (1, 2:54.29) |
| 43.10 | Jeremy Wariner | USA | 4 | Osaka | 2 Sep 07 | (1, 2:55.56) |
| 43.1 | Quincy Watts | USA | 2 | Barcelona | 8 Aug 92 | (1, 2:55.74) |
| 43.18 | Wariner | | 4 | Beijing | 23 Aug 08 | (1, 2:55.39) |
| 43.2A | Ron Freeman | USA | 2 | Mexico City | 20 Oct 68 | (1, 2:56.16) |
| 43.2 | Wariner | | 2 | Austin | 8 Apr 06 | (2, 3:00.04) |
| 43.3 | Demetrius Pinder | BAH | 2 | London | 10 Aug 12 | (1, 2:56.72) |
| 43.23 | Butch Reynolds | USA | 3 | Stuttgart | 22 Aug 93 | (1, 2:54.29) |
| 43.4y | Maurice Peoples | USA | 4 | Baton Rouge | 9 Jun 73 | (3, 3:05.0y) |
| 43.4A | Freeman | | 2 | Mexico City | 19.10.68 | (1h1, 3:00.71) |
| 43.4 | Watts | | 2 | Tokyo | 1 Sep 91 | (2, 2:57.57) |
| | (12/8) | | | | | |
| 43.4 | Steve Lewis | USA | 4 | Barcelona | 8 Aug 92 | (1, 2:55.74) |
| 43.41 | Tony McQuay | USA | 3 | London | 10 Aug 12 | (2, 2:57.05) |
| 43.42 | Chris Brown | BAH | 4 | Helsinki | 14 Aug 05 | (2, 2:57.32) |
| | (10) | | | | | |
| 43.49 | Darold Williamson | USA | 4 | Sacramento | 11 Jun 05 | (6, 3:01.83) |
| 43.5 | Roddie Haley | USA | 2 | Philadelphia | 25 Apr 86 | (1, 9:22.6#) |
| 43.5¶ | Tyree Washington | USA | 3 | Uniodale | 22 Jul 98 | (DQ, 2:54.20) |
| 43.51 | Davian Clarke | JAM | 4 | Athens | 10 Aug 97 | (2, 2:56.75) |
| 43.53¶ | Calvin Harrison | USA | 3 | Sydney | 30 Sep 00 | (DQ, 2:56.35) |
| 43.56 | Denis Alekseyev | RUS | 4 | Beijing | 23 Aug 08 | (3, 2:58.06) |
| 43.57 | Mark Richardson | GBR | 4 | Athens | 10 Aug 97 | (1, 2:56.65) |
| 43.6 | Julius Sang | KEN | 4 | Munich | 10 Sep 72 | (1, 2:59.83) |
| 43.6 | Raymond Pierre | USA | 3 | Kingston | 6 May 89 | (1, 3:00.66) |
| 43.6 | Angelo Taylor | USA | 4 | Amherst | 6 Jun 98 | (1, 3:01.89) |
| | (20) | | | | | |
| 43.6 | Jerome Young | USA | 2 | Philadelphia | 26 Apr 03 | (1, 2:58.40) |
| 43.6 | Derrick Brew | USA | 2 | Athīnai | 28 Aug 04 | (1, 2:55.91) |
| 43.6e | Kevin Borlée | BEL | 2 | Zurich | 17 Aug 14 | (7, 3:02.60) |
| 43.63! | Fred Newhouse | USA | 3 | Montréal | 30 Jul 76 | (1h1, 2:59.52) |
| 43.66 | Derek Mills | USA | 3 | Atlanta | 3 Aug 96 | (1, 2:55.99) |
| 43.69 | Calvin Smith | USA | 4 | Eugene | 12 Jun 10 | (3, 3:01.87) |
| 43.7 | Alberto Juantorena | CUB | 4 | Dusseldorf | 6 Sep 77 | (3, 3:02.77) |
| 43.7 | Gabriel Tiacoh | CIV | 4 | Los Angeles | 24 May 86 | (2, 3:05.96) |
| 43.7 | Henry Thomas | USA | 3 | Walnut | 26 Apr 87 | (1, 3:01.09) |
| 43.7 | Avard Moncur | BAH | 2 | Edmonton | 11 Aug 01 | (1h2, 3:00.88) |
| | (30) | | | | | |
| 43.7e | Jonathan Borlée | BEL | 2 | Beijing | 23 Aug 08 | (5, 2:59.37) |
| 43.7 | Josh Mance | USA | 2 | London | 10 Aug 12 | (2, 2:57.05) |
| 43.73 | Martyn Rooney | GBR | 4 | Beijing | 23 Aug 08 | (4, 2:58.81) |
| 43.75 | Alonzo Babers | USA | 3 | Los Angeles | 11 Aug 84 | (1, 2:57.91) |
| 43.78 | Arnaud Malherbe | RSA | 4 | Seville | 29 Aug 99 | (3, 3:00.20) |
| 43.78 | Ingo Schultz | GER | 4 | Edmonton | 12 Aug 01 | (7, 3:03.52) |
| 43.78 | Michael Blackwood | JAM | 4 | Madrid | 21 Sep 02 | (1, 2:59.19) |
| 43.79 | Danny Everett | USA | 1 | Seoul | 1 Oct 88 | (1, 2:56.16) |
| 43.79 | Sunday Bada | NGR | 4 | Gothenburg | 12 Aug 95 | (1h3, 3:01.09) |
| 43.8 | Seymour Newman | JAM | 4 | Montreal | 31 Jul 76 | (5, 3:02.84) |
| | (40) | | | | | |
| 43.8 | Ian Morris | TTO | 3 | Austin | 4 Apr 86 | (2, 3:13.93#) |
| 43.8¶ | Roy Martin | USA | 4 | Austin | 5 Apr 86 | (DQ, 3:01.07) |
| 43.8 | LaShawn Merritt | USA | 4 | Nassau | 25 May 14 | (1, 2:57.25) |

FURTHER NOTABLE 440 YARDS TIMES:

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| 43.8y | Larry Black | USA | 4 | Philadelphia | 29 Apr 72 | (1, 3:03.1y) |
| 43.9y | Larry James | USA | 4 | Philadelphia | 27 Apr 68 | (1, 3:06.1y) |

* This time is taken from photo-finish pictures taken at the start and finish of Johnson's leg supplied by Seiko. Using different methods, the DLV Biomechanics Report from Stuttgart 1993 variously shows times of 42.91 and 42.92

Questionable timing (analysis of the available video of the race indicates an actual time of about 44.4):

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| 43.58 | Usain Bolt | JAM | 4 | Kingston | 27 Feb 10 | (2, 3:05.77) |
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Disqualified by doping control:

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| 43.1 | Antonio Pettigrew | USA | 2 | Athīnai | 10 Aug 97 | (DQ, 2:56.47) |
| 43.2 | Pettigrew | | 2 | Uniodale | 22 Jul 98 | (DQ, 2:54.20) |

FASTEST BY STAGE:

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