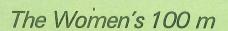
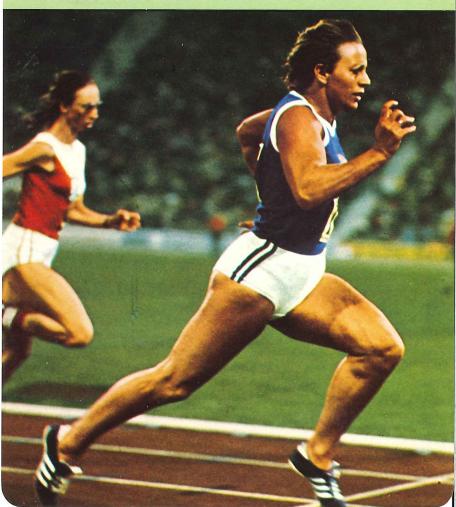
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The Women's 100 m



The 11-Seconds 'Barriers'

It was only in 1934 that the first women's 100-meter world record was officially recognized, although it had been part of the Olympic Games program since 1928. This explains why the American Elizabeth Robinson's 12.2 sec in 1928 and the 11.9 sec registered by Stanislawa Walasiewicz of Poland in 1932 only count as Olympic records. Other performances by women Olympic champions have not been confirmed because they were achieved with favorable wind conditions stronger than the official limit. A notable example was the 11 sec of the 'black gazelle', American Wilma Rudolph, in Rome in 1960

In Mexico in 1968 Irena Szewinska of Poland equalled the world record in both semi-final and the final, with 11.1 seconds. However victory fell to the American Wyomia Tyus who beat the record in 11.07 seconds. Her performance, equalled six times then beaten twice, became the first world record to be measured by electric chronometer after the IAF decided to set up two records tables—measured by hand and by electric time-keeping. Two East German girls share the honor of being the first to smash the 11-sec-

onds barrier: Renate Stecher timed by hand, and the young Marlies Ölsner (now Goehr) by electric chronometer. In 1977 the IAF decided that only electrically-timed sprint races were eligible for world records.

THE WORLD	100-M RECORD	(WOMEN)
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Hand	timing			
11.7	S. Walasiewicz	POL	26 Aug	1934
11.6	S. Walasiewicz	POL	1 Aug	1937
11.5	F. Blankers-Koen	NEL	13 June	1948
11.5	M. Jackson	AUS	22 July	1952
11.4	M. Jackson	AUS	4 Oct	1952
11.3	S. de la Hunty	AUS	4 Aug	1955
11.3	V. Krepkina	USSR	13 Sep	1958
11.3	W. Rudolph	USA	2 Oct	1960
11.2	W. Rudolph	USA	19 July	1961
11.2	W. Tyus	USA	15 Oct	1964
11.1	I. Kirszenstein	POL	9 July	1965
11.1	W. Tyus	USA	31 July	1965
11.1	B. Ferrell	USA	2 July	1967
11.1	L. Samotésova	USSR	15 Aug	1968
11.1	I. Szewinska-Kirszenstein	POL	14 Oct	1968
11.0	W. Tyus	USA	15 Oct	1968
11.0	C. Cheng	FOR	18 July	1970
11.0	R. Stecher	EGE	2 Aug	1970
11.0	R. Stecher	EGE	31 July	1971
11.0	R. Stecher	EGE	3 June	1972
11.0	E. Strophal	EGE	15 June	1972
11.0	E. Gleskova	CZE	1 July	1972
10.9	R. Stecher	EGE	7 June	1973
10.8	R. Stecher	EGE	20 July	1973
10.8	A. Richter	WGE	27 June	1976
Electric timing				
11.07	W. Tyus	USA	15 Oct	1968
11.07	R. Stecher	EGE	2 Sep	1972
11.04	I. Helten	WGE	14 June	1976
11.01	A. Richter	WGE	25 July	1976
11.88	M. Ölsner	EGE	1 July	1977