

ESAA - OLYMPIC GAMES ROLL OF HONOUR

Many English Schools' Athletic Association (ESAA) competitors have gone on to forge extremely successful sporting careers in other disciplines. They have become Olympic champions and medallists in a variety of other sports including Bobsleigh, Cycling, Hockey, Modern Pentathlon, Rowing, Skeleton and Triathlon.

This document is, however, solely associated with those whose Olympic achievements have been in the Athletics arena.

Following the list of ESAA competitors who have won Olympic medals (in chronological order) are the names of those who competed in their County School Championships but for one reason or another did not compete at the ESAA Championships.

Violet Webb was particularly unlucky in that she broke her left arm 7 days before the staging of the 1928 SAA (later ESAA) Championships otherwise she would have been the first ESAA competitor to win an Olympic Games medal. Violet had won the 1928 Middlesex Schools 75 yards hurdles title in a record 11.1 seconds. Her daughter Janet Simpson became a 4-time ESAA champion and, like her mother, won an Olympic bronze medal in the 4 x 100m relay.

1936 – BERLIN, GERMANY

Dorothy Odam (Surrey)	High Jump Silver 1934 U16 HJ-2
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1948 – LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

Dorothy Odam-Tyler (née Odam) (Surrey)	High Jump Silver 1934 U16 HJ-2
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1952 – HELSINKI, FINLAND

Heather Armitage (Yorkshire)	4 x 100m Bronze 1951 S 100y-1
June Foulds (London)	4 x 100m Bronze 1950 I 100y-1
Shirley Cawley (Surrey)	Long Jump Bronze 1948 I LJ-3

1956 – MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Anne Pashley (Norfolk)	4 x 100m Silver 1951 I 100y-1, 1952 I 100y-1, 1953 S 100y-1
Heather Armitage (Yorkshire)	4 x 100m Silver 1951 S 100y-1
Jean Scrivens (London)	4 x 100m Silver 1952 I 100y-2
June Paul (née Foulds) (London)	4 x 100m Silver 1950 I 100y-1
Derek Johnson (Essex)	800m Silver and 4 x 400m Bronze 1949 I 440y-1, 1950 S 220y-1, 1951 S 440y-1

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1960 – ROME, ITALY

Carole Quinton (Warwickshire)	80m Hurdles Silver 1951 J 100y-2
Dorothy Hyman (Yorkshire)	100m Silver and 200m Bronze 1956 J 100y-1
Dorothy Shirley (Lancashire)	High Jump Silver 1954 J HJ-1, 1955 I HJ-2
Dave Jones (Essex)	4 x 100m Bronze
David Segal (Middlesex)	4 x 100m Bronze 1953 I 220y-1
Peter Radford (Staffordshire)	100m Bronze and 4 x 100m Bronze 1955 I 100y-1, 1957 S 100y-1

1964 – TOKYO, JAPAN

Ann Packer (Berkshire)	800m Gold and 400m Silver 1958 I 150y-2, 1959 S 100y-1, 1960 S 220y-2
Dorothy Hyman (Yorkshire)	4 x 100m Bronze 1956 J 100y-1
Janet Simpson (Hertfordshire)	4 x 100m Bronze 1959 I 150y-1, 1961 I 150y-1, 1962 S 220y-1, 1963 S 220y-1
Mary Rand (née Bignal) (Somerset)	Long Jump Gold, Pentathlon Silver and 4 x 100m Bronze 1955 I LJ-2, 1956 I LJ-1, 1957 S HJ-1
Adrian Metcalfe (Yorkshire)	4 x 400m Silver 1958 I 220y-2, 1959 S 220y-1, 1960 S 220y-1
John Cooper (Leicestershire)	400m Hurdles Silver and 4 x 400m Silver 1957 I TJ-1
Robbie Brightwell (Shropshire)	4 x 400m Silver 1956 I 220y-1, 1957 S 220y-1

1968 - MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

Lilian Board (Middlesex)	400m Silver 1963 J LJ-1, 1965 I 150y-2
Sheila Sherwood (née Parkin) (Yorkshire)	Long Jump Silver 1960 J LJ-1, 1961 I LJ-2, 1962 I LJ-1, 1963 I LJ-1 1964 S LJ-1

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1972 – MUNICH, WEST GERMANY

Alan Pascoe (Hampshire)	4 x 400m Silver 1965 S 120yH-3, 1966 S 120yH-1, 1967 S 120yH-1
Ian Stewart (Warwickshire)	5000m Bronze 1964 I CC-47
Martin Reynolds (Middlesex)	4 x 400m Silver 1966 S 220y-5

1976 – MONTREAL, CANADA

Brendan Foster (Durham)	10000m Bronze 1960 J 1M-3
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1980 – MOSCOW, SOVIET UNION

Beverley Goddard (Berkshire)	4 x 100m Bronze 1973 S 200m-4
Donna Hartley (née Murray) (Hampshire)	4 x 400m Bronze 1969 J 100m-3
Heather Hunte (Middlesex)	4 x 100m Bronze 1975 I 100m-1, 1976 S 100m-1
Joslyn Hoyte-Smith (née Hoyte) (Yorkshire)	4 x 400m Bronze 1972 S 200m-2, 1973 S 200m-3
Kathy Cook (née Smallwood) (Hampshire)	4 x 100m Bronze 1975 I 200m-2, 1976 I 200m-2, 1977 S 200m-1, 1978 S 200m-1
Michelle Probert (Cheshire)	4 x 400m Bronze 1976 I 200m-1, 1977 S 200m-2
Sonia Lannaman (Warwickshire)	4 x 100m Bronze 1968 J 100y-1, 1969 J 100m-1, 1970 J 100m-1, 1973 S 100m-1
Daley Thompson (London)	Decathlon Gold 1975 S 200m-1
Gary Oakes (London)	400m Hurdles Bronze 1973 J 80mH-2, 1975 I 100mH-1, 1976 S 110mH-3, 1977 S 400mH-1
Sebastian Coe (Yorkshire)	1500m Gold, 800m Silver 1973 I 3000m-1
Steve Ovett (Sussex)	800m Gold and 1500m Bronze 1970 J 400m-1, 1971 I 400m-3, 1972 I 800m-1, 1972 I CC-2, 1973 S CC-2

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1984 – LOS ANGELES, U.S.A.

Beverley Goddard (Berkshire)	4 x 100m Bronze 1973 S 200m-4
Fatima Whitbread (Essex)	Javelin Throw Bronze 1977 I JT-1
Heather Oakes (née Hunte) (Middlesex)	4 x 100m Bronze 1975 I 100m-1, 1976 S 100m-1
Kathy Cook (née Smallwood) (Hampshire)	400m Bronze and 4 x 100m Bronze 1975 I 200m-2, 1976 I 200m-2, 1977 S 200m-1, 1978 S 200m-1
Shirley Strong (Cheshire)	100m Hurdles Silver 1974 I 80mH-1, 1975 I 80mH-1
Simmone Jacobs (Berkshire)	4 x 100m Bronze 1981 J 200m-1, 1983 I 200m-1, 1984 S 200m-1, 1985 S 200m-2
Susan Hearnshaw (Humberside)	Long Jump Bronze 1975 J LJ-3, 1976 I LJ-1, 1977 I LJ-1, 1978 S LJ-1, 1979 S LJ-1
Tessa Sanderson (Staffordshire)	Javelin Throw Gold 1970 J JT-3, 1972 I JT-1, 1973 S JT-1
Wendy Sly (née Smith) (Surrey)	3000m Silver 1977 S CC-2
Charlie Spedding (Durham)	Marathon Bronze 1971 S 1500m-2
Daley Thompson (London)	Decathlon Gold 1975 S 200m-1
Dave Ottley (Essex)	Javelin Throw Silver 1969 J JT-2, 1971 I JT-1, 1972 S JT-2, 1973 S JT-1
Gary Cook (Staffordshire) (West Midlands)	4 x 400m Silver 1974 I 800m-2 1975 S-800m-3, 1976 S 800m-2
Keith Connor (Buckinghamshire)	Triple Jump Bronze 1974 I TJ-1
Mike McLeod (Northumberland)	10000m Silver 1967 I CC-23
Phil Brown (West Midlands)	4 x 400m Silver 1976 J 200m-2, 1978 I 200m-1, 1979 S 200m-1
Sebastian Coe (Yorkshire)	1500m Gold and 800m Silver 1973 I 3000m-1
Steve Cram (Durham)	1500m Silver 1975 J CC-3, 1977 I 1500m-1, 1978 S 1500m-1, 1979 S 1500m-1

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Todd Bennett (Hampshire)	4 x 400m Silver 1980 S 400m-3
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1988 – SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Fatima Whitbread (Essex)	Javelin Throw Silver 1977 I JT-1
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Linford Christie (London)	100m Silver and 4 x 100m Silver 1979 S 200m-2
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Mike McFarlane (London)	4 x 100m Silver 1974 J 200m-2, 1975 I 200m-1, 1976 I 200m-1, 1977 S 200m-1
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Peter Elliott (South Yorkshire)	1500m Silver 1977 J 800m-1, 1978 I 800m-2, 1979 I 800m-1
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Mark Rowland (Sussex)	3000m Steeplechase Bronze 1979 I 800m-3, 1980 S 800m-3
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1992 – BARCELONA, SPAIN

Jennifer Stoute (London)	4 x 400m Bronze 1984 S 200m-h-3
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Sally Gunnell (Essex)	400m Hurdles Gold, 4 x 400m Bronze 1980 J LJ-1, 1983 S 100mH-1, 1984 S 100mH-1
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David Grindley (Gtr. Manchester)	4 x 400m Bronze 1988 I 400m-3, 1990 and 1991 S 400m-1
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Linford Christie (London)	100m Gold 1979 S 200m-2
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Roger Black (Hampshire)	4 x 400m Bronze 1984 S 200m-4
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Steve Backley (Kent)	Javelin Throw Bronze 1985 I JT-2, 1986 S JT-1, 1987 S JT-1
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Mark Richardson (Berkshire) ran in the heat of the 4 x 400m (bronze) but not in the final.

1996 – ATLANTA, U.S.A.

Denise Lewis (West Midlands)	Heptathlon Bronze 1985 J LJ-3, 1986 J LJ-1, 1987 I LJ-3, 1988 I HEP-2, 1988 I LJ-1
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Iwan Thomas (Lincolnshire)	4 x 400m Silver 1992 S 400m-2
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Jonathan Edwards (Devon)	Triple Jump Silver 1984 S TJ-1
Mark Richardson (Berkshire)	4 x 400m Silver 1988 I 400m-1, 1989 S 400m-1, 1990 S 400m-2
Roger Black (Hampshire)	400m Silver and 4 x 400m Silver 1984 S 200m-4
Steve Backley (Kent)	Javelin Throw Silver 1985 I JT-2, 1986 S JT-1, 1987 S JT-1
Steve Smith (Merseyside)	High Jump Bronze 1987 J HJ-1, 1988 I HJ-2, 1989 I HJ-2, 1990 S HJ-2, 1991 S HJ-2

Mark Hylton (Berkshire) ran in heat of the 4 x 400m (bronze) but not in the final.

2000 – SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Denise Lewis (West Midlands)	Heptathlon Gold 1985 J LJ-3, 1986 J LJ-1, 1987 I LJ-3, 1988 I HEP-2, 1988 I LJ-1
Katharine Merry (Warwickshire)	400m Bronze 1987 J LJ-3, 1988 LJ-2, 1988 J Pentathlon-1, 1989 J 100m-1, 1990 I 100m-1, 1991 I 200m-1
Kelly Holmes (Kent)	800m Bronze 1983 J 1500m-1, 1984 J 1500-2, 1986 I 1500m-3, 1987 S 1500m-1
Darren Campbell (Gtr. Manchester)	200m Silver 1988 J 200m-3, 1989 I 200m-1, 1991 S 200m-1
Jonathan Edwards (Devon)	Triple Jump Gold 1984 S TJ-1
Steve Backley (Kent)	Javelin Throw Silver 1985 I JT-2, 1986 S JT-1, 1987 S JT-1

2004 – ATHENS, GREECE

Kelly Holmes (Kent)	800m Gold and 1500m Gold 1983 J 1500m-1, 1984 J 1500-2, 1986 I 1500m-3, 1987 S 1500m-1
Kelly Sotherton (Hampshire)	Heptathlon Bronze 1991 J PEN-2, 1992 I HEP-1, 1993 I HEP-2, 1994 S TJ-3, 1994 S HEP-1, 1995 S LJ-3, 1995 S HEP-2
Darren Campbell (Gtr. Manchester)	4 x 100m Gold 1988 J 200m-3, 1989 I 200m-1, 1991 S 200m-1
Jason Gardener (Avon)	4 x 100m Gold 1993 S 100m-3

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Mark Lewis-Francis (West Midlands)	4 x 100m Gold 1996 J 100m-3, 1997 J 100m-1, 1998 I 100m-1
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Marlon Devonish (West Midlands)	4 x 100m Gold 1994 S 200m-1, 1995 S 100m-1
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2008 – BEIJING, CHINA

Goldie Sayers (Cambridgeshire)	Javelin Throw Bronze 1996 J JT-1, 1997 I JT-1, 1998 I JT-1, 1999 S JT-1
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Kelly Sotherton (Hampshire)	4 x 400m Bronze and Heptathlon Bronze 1991 J PEN-2, 1992 I HEP-1, 1993 I HEP-2, 1994 S TJ-3, 1994 S HEP-1, 1995 S LJ-3, 1995 S HEP-2
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Marilyn Okoro (Buckinghamshire)	4 x 400m Bronze 2002 S 400m-2
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Natasha Danvers (London) (Kent)	400m Hurdles Bronze 1992 J 75mH-2, 1992 J PEN-3, 1993 I 300mH-1, 1994 I 300mH-1 1995 S 100mH-1
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Nicola Sanders (Buckinghamshire)	4 x 400m Bronze 1998 I 300m-2, 1999 S 400mH-1, 2000 S 400mH-1
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Andrew Steele (Gtr. Manchester)	4 x 400m Bronze 1999 J 400m-3, 2001 I 400m-1
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Martyn Rooney (Surrey)	4 x 400m Bronze 2005 S 400m-r2-8
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Philips Idowu (London)	Triple Jump Silver 1996 S TJ-2, 1997 S TJ-1
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Robert Tobin (Hampshire)	4 x 400m Bronze 1999 I 400m-2, 2000 I 400m-1, 2001 S 400m-1
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2012 – LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

Jessica Ennis (South Yorkshire)	Heptathlon Gold 2000 J HJ-1, 2001 I HJ-2, 2001 I HEP-2, 2002 I HJ-1
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Greg Rutherford (Buckinghamshire)	Long Jump Gold 2004 S LJ-4
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Mo Farah (Middlesex)	5000m and 10000m Gold 1997 J 1500m-1, 1997 J CC-1, 1998 I 3000m-1, 1998 I CC-2, 1999 I 1500m-1, 1999 S CC-1, 2001 S 1500m-2
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Robbie Grabarz (Cambridgeshire)	High Jump Silver 2004 I HJ-2, 2005 S HJ-1
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2016 – RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

Anyika Onuora (Merseyside)	4 x 400m Bronze 2001 I 100m-1, 2002 S 100m-1
Asha Philip (Essex)	4 x 100m Bronze 2005 J 100m-2
Darryl Neita (London)	4 x 100m Bronze 2010 J 100m-3, 2011 I 100m-2, 2012 I 100m-1
Desiree Henry (Middlesex)	4 x 100m Bronze 2008 J 200m-3, 2009 J 200m-1, 2010 I 200m-1
Dina Asher-Smith (Kent)	4 x 100m Bronze 2010 J 200m-1, 2011 I 200m-1, 2013 S 200m-1
Emily Diamond (Avon)	4 x 400m Bronze 2007 I 200m-2, 2008 S 200m-2, 2009 S 200m-1
Jessica Ennis-Hill (née Ennis) (South Yorkshire)	Heptathlon Silver 2000 J HJ-1, 2001 I HJ-2, 2001 I HEP-2, 2002 I HJ-1
Sophie Hitchon (Lancashire)	Hammer Throw Bronze 2009 S HT-1

Kelly Massey (West Midlands) ran in the heat of the 4 x 400m (bronze) but not in the final.

Greg Rutherford (Buckinghamshire)	Long Jump Bronze 2004 S LJ-4
Mo Farah (Middlesex)	5000m Gold and 10000m Gold 1997 J 1500m-1, 1997 J CC-1, 1998 I 3000m-1, 1998 I CC-2, 1999 I 1500m-1, 1999 S CC-1, 2001 S 1500m-2

2020 – TOKYO, JAPAN (held July / August 2021)

Asha Philip (Essex)	4 x 100m Bronze 2005 J 100m-2
Darryl Neita (London)	4 x 100m Bronze 2010 J 100m-3, 2011 I 100m-2, 2012 I 100m-1
Dina Asher-Smith (Kent)	4 x 100m Bronze 2010 J 200m-1, 2011 I 200m-1, 2013 S 200m-1
Holly Bradshaw (Lancashire)	Pole Vault Bronze 2008 I HEP-14
Imani-Lara Lansiquot (Surrey)	4 x 100m Bronze 2012 J 100m-2, 2013 and 2014 I 100m-1
Keely Hodgkinson (Gtr. Manchester)	800m Silver 2016 J 800m-3, 2018 I CC-1

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2024 –PARIS, FRANCE

Amber Anning (Sussex)	4 x 400m Bronze and Medley Relay Bronze 2015 J 200m-1, 2016 I 300m-1
Amy Hunt (Lincolnshire)	4 x 100m Silver 2015 and 2016 J 100m-1, 2017 I 100m-1
Darryl Neita (London)	4 x 100m Silver 2010 J 100m-3, 2011 I 100m-2, 2012 I 100m-1
Dina Asher-Smith (Kent)	4 x 100m Silver 2010 J 200m-1, 2011 I 200m-1, 2013 S 200m-1
Georgia Hunter-Bell (London)	1500m Bronze 2008 J 800m-1, 2009 I 800m-2
Imani-Lara Lansiquot (Surrey)	4 x 100m Silver 2012 J 100m-2, 2013 and 2014 I 100m-1
Katarina Johnson-Thompson (Merseyside)	Heptathlon Silver 2006 J HJ-3, 2007 J HJ-1, 2007 J-PEN-1, 2008 I HJ-1, 2008 I HEP-1
Keely Hodgkinson (Gtr. Manchester)	800m Gold 2016 J 800m-3, 2018 I CC-1
Victoria Ohuruogu (Essex)	4 x 400m Bronze 2016 J 800m-3, 2018 I CC-1

Bianca Williams and Desiree Henry (both Middlesex) ran in the heat of the 4 x 100m (silver) but not in the final.

Hannah Kelly (Gtr. Manchester), Jodie Williams (Hertfordshire), Lina Nielsen and Yemi Mary John (both Essex) ran the heat of the 4 x 400m (bronze) but not in the final.

Alex Haydock-Wilson (Berkshire)	4 x 400m Bronze and Medley Relay Bronze 2017 S 400m-7
Charlie Dobson (Essex)	4 x 400m Bronze 2017 S 200m-2
Lewis Davey (Lincolnshire)	4 x 400m Bronze 2017 I 400m-2, 2017 I OCT-2
Matthew Hudson-Smith (West Midlands)	400m Silver and 4 x 400m Bronze 2011 I 200m-2, 2012 S 200m-2, 2013 S 200m-1
Sam Reardon (Kent)	Medley Relay Bronze 2018 J CC-120

Richard Kilty (Cleveland) ran in the heat of the 4 x 100m (bronze) but not in the final. Sam Reardon (Kent) and Toby Harries (Sussex) ran in the heat of the 4 x 400m (bronze) but not in the final.

Notes regarding the athlete details shown above :

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An entry for an athlete begins with a line detailing their Olympic medal achievement(s).

Second (and subsequent) lines show the county (or counties) they represented and their ESAA Championship medal-winning performances or, in some cases, a non-medal-winning performance at the ESAA Championships.

ESAA performances are shown in the following abbreviated format – *yyyy a eeee p* where :

yyyy Championship Year

a Age Group (I – Intermediate, J – Junior, S – Senior, pre-1948 the age groups were Under-14 (U14) and Under-16 (U16))

eeee Event

p Place achieved (note an 'h-' indicates the performance was in a heat and 'r-' indicates it was in a preliminary round)

COUNTY SAA COMPETITORS

Several other athletes competed in their County SAA Championship and also went on to Olympic success, namely :

Violet Webb (Middlesex)	1932 4 x 100m Bronze 1928 Middlesex U14 75yH-1
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Laviai Nielsen (Essex)	2024 4 x 400m Bronze and 2024 Medley Relay Bronze 2011 Essex I 300m-1, 2012 Essex I 300m-2
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Nathaneel Mitchell-Blake (Essex)	2024 4 x 100m Silver 2006 Essex U13 100m-4
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