

ESAA – CAMBRIDGESHIRE ROLL OF HONOUR

The *Cambridgeshire County Schools Sports Association* was formed in 1925.

Cambridgeshire was one of the 13 counties who competed in the inaugural ESAA Championship in 1925 at Crystal Palace. At the championship Kathleen Fabb of Romsey School, Cambridge became the first Cambridgeshire ESAA champion when winning the Girls 100 yards.

The *Huntingdonshire Schools Athletics Association* was formed in 1926. They held their first County Championship on 3rd July, 1926 at Hinchbrook Park with 11 schools taking part. The Girls and Boys stars of the championship were May Ashley of Godmanchester and E. Hazell of Somersham respectively. May had wins in the Girls 100 yards, 150 yards, hurdles and high jump while Hazell had wins in the Boys 100 yards and high jump and second place in 3 other events.

Huntingdonshire first competed at the ESAA Championship in 1926. The first Huntingdonshire ESAA champion was Miss J. Baddington, the winner of the Intermediate long jump in 1950.

In 1975, following implementation of the 1972 Local Government Act on 1st April 1974, Huntingdonshire became a district of Cambridgeshire and the *Huntingdonshire Schools Athletics Association* ceased to exist.

OLYMPIC GAMES MEDALLISTS

Goldie Sayers	2008 Javelin Throw Bronze 1996 J JT-1, 1997 I JT-1, 1998 I JT-1, 1999 S JT-1
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Robbie Grabarz	2012 High Jump Silver 2004 I HJ-2, 2005 S HJ-1
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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLIST

Julia Paternain (Uruguay)	2025 Marathon Bronze 2017 and 2018 S 3000m-1
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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLIST

Robbie Grabarz	2012 High Jump Gold, 2016 High Jump Silver 2004 I HJ-2, 2005 S HJ-1
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COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLIST

Louise Hazel	2010 Heptathlon Gold 1999 J PEN-1, 2000 J 100m-1, 2000 J PEN-1, 2001 I 100m-3, 2001 I HEP-3, 2003 S 100m-3, 2004 S LJ-1
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BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Caroline Pearce	2002 and 2004 Heptathlon 1995 J PEN-1
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Goldie Sayers	2003-12 and 2014 Javelin Throw 1996 J JT-1, 1997 I JT-1, 1998 I JT-1, 1999 S JT-1
Louise Hazel	2010 100m Hurdles 1999 J PEN-1, 2000 J 100m-1, 2000 J PEN-1, 2001 I 100m-3, 2001 I HEP-3m, 2003 S 100y-3, 2004 S LJ-1
Adelaide Omitowoju (also Essex)	2025 Triple Jump 2016 I TJ-2, 2017 S TJ-1, 2019 S TJ-2
Mark Roberson	1997 and 2001 Javelin Throw 1983 I JT-7
Neil Speaight	2001 800m 1996 S 800m-h-6
Robbie Grabarz	2012, 2013, 2015-17 High Jump 2004 I HJ-2, 2005 S HJ-1

Notes regarding the athlete details shown above :

An entry for each athlete consists of the first line detailing their Major Championship medal win or their British Championship title win. Second (and subsequent) lines show their ESAA championship performances in the 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)

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ESAA GIRLS CHAMPIONS

1925	U14	100y	Kathleen Fabb
1967	J	DT	Carol Richardson
1977	J	CC	Louise Silva
1977	J	SP	Elaine Tinkler
1980	S	SP	Elaine Tinkler
1991	J	200m	Alex Devoti
1995	J	PEN	Caroline Pearce
1996	J	JT	Goldie Sayers
1997	I	JT	Goldie Sayers
1998	I	JT	Goldie Sayers
1998	S	400m	Ruth Watson
1999	S	JT	Goldie Sayers
2000	J	PEN	Louise Hazel
2000	J	100m	Louise Hazel
2000	S	SP	Charlotte Spelzini
2001	J	SP	Chloe Edwards
2001	S	HJ	Aileen Wilson
2001	S	JT	Rachel Dunn
2001	S	SP	Charlotte Spelzini
2002	I	SP	Chloe Edwards
2002	S	HJ	Aileen Wilson
2003	I	SP	Chloe Edwards
2004	S	LJ	Louise Hazel
2004	S	SP	Chloe Edwards
2005	S	SP	Chloe Edwards
2017	S	3000m	Julia Paternain
2017	S	TJ	Adelaide Omitowoju
2018	S	3000m	Julia Paternain
2022	J	75mH	Leah Wagstaff
2025	I	3000m	Jasmine Christmas
2025	S	3k Walk	Cerys Bithell
2026	U19	100mH	Leah Wagstaff

ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS

1963	J	880y	Barry Parker
1964	I	DT	Tadeusz Kisluk
1967	I	SP	John Blackwell
1968	S	TJ	Eni Njoku
1969	I	JT	Bogus Kawalko
1970	I	DT	David Croxon
1971	I	400m	Robin Owen
1972	I	200m	Roy Sanderson
1973	J	HJ	Innes Murray
1973	I	200m	Roy Sanderson
1974	J	HT	Len Allsop
1976	J	JT	Marcus Humphries
1978	J	800m	Tony Jarman
1978	S	TJ	Dennis Greene
1980	I	800m	Tony Jarman
1987	J	DT	Julian Willett
1989	I	DT	Julian Willett
1990	S	110mH	Mark Stern
1991	S	100m	Ian Lonsdale
1992	J	80mH	Matthew Clements
1993	I	100mH	Matthew Clements
1994	I	100mH	Matthew Clements
1998	J	DT	Nick Grundy
2002	S	400m	Adam Charlton
2005	S	CC	Daniel Watts
2005	S	3000m	Daniel Watts
2005	S	HJ	Robbie Grabarz
2006	S	SP	Dan Tinkler
2007	S	SP	Dan Tinkler
2009	J	LJ	Joel Grenfell
2010	S	200m	Sam Watts
2011	I	100mH	Max Everest
2011	S	110mH	Ben Kelk
2014	S	3000m	Kieran Wood
2014	S	400m	Ben Snaith
2017	I	3000m	Thomas Keen
2018	S	3000m	Thomas Keen
2019	S	2000mST	Conall McGinness
2021	S	1500m	Alex Melloy
2021	S	2000mST	Thomas Bridger
2023	I	3000m	Liam Conway
2023	I	800m	Tom Waterworth

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In 2026 the height of hurdles was changed for certain ages so Under-16 (U16), Under-18 (U18) and Under-19 (U19) races were held.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE ESAA CHAMPIONS

GIRLS

1950 I LJ J. Baddington

BOYS

1960	J	HT	John Hill
1961	J	DT	G. C. Brand
1966	S	DT	Robert Boyd
1969	I	1000mST	Kevin Williams

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SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS BOARD (SIAB)

The SIAB hold 2 annual international meetings for school athletes from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. These are for *Cross Country* and *Track and Field*. The *Indoor Pentathlon International* (commonly referred to as the *SIAB Indoor Pentathlon*) is actually organised by the *Scottish Schools' Athletic Association (SSAA)*.

A fourth championship, the *British Schools Indoor Athletics Championships* was also held from 1990 to 2000.

GIRLS WINNERS

1964	S	80mH	Kay Harrison
1979	J	CC	Louise Silva
1979	I	JT	Vanessa Vanterpool
1991	U16	i200m	Alex Devoti
1997	I	JT	Goldie Sayers
2003	I	SP	Chloe Edwards
2023	I	80mH	Leah Wagstaff

BOYS WINNERS

1974	I	HJ	Innes Murray
1976	I	200m (B)	David Pike
1992	U16	i60mH	Matthew Clements
1993	I	100mH	Matthew Clements
1994	I	100mH	Matthew Clements
1996	I	1500m	Sam Boden
2004	I	HJ	Robbie Grabarz
2005	I	LJ	Andrew Bullimore
2017	I	3000m	Thomas Keen
2023	I	800m	Tom Waterworth

Winning performances are shown in the abbreviated format – yyyy a eeee where :

yyyy Championship Year

a Age Group (I – Intermediate, J – Junior, S – Senior, Under-16 (U16), Over-16 (O16) and Under-18 (U18))

eeee Event (preceded by an 'i' indicates at an indoor meeting).

In some events in the 1970s and 1980s two races (A and B) were necessary because of a limited number of lanes at the venue. An '(A)' or '(B)' highlights where this was the case.

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WORLD JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLIST - BOYS

1986 Mark Roberson Javelin Throw Silver

EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2023 Shannon Flockhart 1500m Bronze

EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

2017 Ben Snaith 4 x 400m Gold

Adam Charlton (2005 4 x 400m-2) ran in the relay heat but not in the relay final.

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - GIRLS

2001 Goldie Sayers Javelin Throw Silver

Maisey Snaith (2019 4 x 400m Gold) ran in the relay heat but not in the relay final.

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

2011	Sam Watts	4 x 100m Silver
2013	Ben Snaith	4 x 400m Bronze
2021	Alex Melloy	3000m Bronze
2025	Tom Waterworth	800m Silver

EUROPEAN YOUTH / U18 MEDALLIST - BOYS

2018 Thomas Keen 3000m Gold

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MULTI-SPORT ATHLETES

Many gifted young athletes who competed in the English Schools' Athletic Association (ESAA) Championships have become very successful in a wide variety of sports, namely Bobsleigh, Boxing, Cricket, Cycling, Darts, Football, Hockey, Modern Pentathlon, Netball, Powerlifting, Rowing, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Skeleton, Triathlon and Weightlifting.

Details follow of two of Cambridgeshire's ESAA competitors who have gone on to have a successful career in other sports :

BOBSLEIGH and RUGBY LEAGUE – JASON WING

Jason represented Cambridgeshire when finishing third in the 1980 ESAA Junior Long Jump.

He was 5th in the 1994 Olympic Games 4-man bobsleigh event and won a silver medal in the 1994 European Championships 4-man bobsleigh event.

Jason also played professional Rugby League for London Crusaders from 1991 to 1993.

NETBALL – RACHEL DUNN

Rachel represented Cambridgeshire when winning the 2001 ESAA Senior Javelin Throw title.

She started playing for the England netball team in 2004 and won 92 caps before her retirement from playing in 2023. Rachel won bronze medals in the last 3 Netball World Cups (in 2011, 2015 and 2019). She also won bronze medals in the 2006 and 2010 Commonwealth Games.

Domestically she competed for 16 seasons at the highest level, the *Superleague*, and won 7 *Superleague* titles with 3 different clubs : Team Bath, Surrey Storm and Wasps.