

ESAA – CUMBRIA ROLL OF HONOUR

The *Cumberland Schools Athletic Association* was formed in 1934 and ceased to exist in 1975 after the county became part of Cumbria. It held its first championship at the Ellis Sports Ground in Workington on the 30th June, 1934 with over 200 competitors taking part.

The first Cumberland medallist was Miss G. Martin from Carlisle who was 3rd in the 1935 ESAA under-14s 75 yards hurdles. 12 years later D. Bell became the first Cumberland ESAA Champion when winning the Boys 440 yards for under-16s.

The *Westmorland Schools Athletic Association* was formed in 1959 and ceased to exist in 1975 after the county became part of Cumbria. A Westmorland team first competed at the ESAA Championships in 1959 at Northwich. A *North Westmorland Schools' Athletics Association* had been holding championships from 1951 but could not compete at the SAA Championships because it was not representative of the whole county.

The first Westmorland ESAA Champion was Miss Margaret Prior, the winner of the Senior 100 yards in 1960.

Implementation of the 1972 Local Government Act on April 1st, 1974 resulted in the creation of the non-metropolitan county of Cumbria. It was formed from the existing counties of Cumberland and Westmorland; the Lancashire county borough of Barrow-in-Furness and urban area of North Lonsdale; and the Sedbergh rural district of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

The *Cumbria Schools Athletic Association* was formed in 1975 to organise and supervise athletics in the new county.

The first ESAA Champion representing Cumbria was B. Ritchie who won the Boys Junior triple jump title in 1975.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLIST

George Ellis (representing Cumberland)	1954 100m and 200m Bronze, 1954 4 x 100m Silver 1949 I 220y-1, 1950 S 220y-2, 1951 S 220y-1
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COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLISTS

Chris McGeorge	1982 800m Bronze 1976 J 800m-2, 1977 I 800m-3, 1978 I 800m-1, 1979 S-800m-1, 1981 S 400m-2
Nick Miller	2014 Hammer Throw Silver, 2018 and 2022 Hammer Throw Gold 2010 S HT-2, 2011 S HT-1

BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Carol Tyson	1978 and 1981 5k Walk 1975 S 5k Walk-4
Charlotte Arter	2018 10000m 2008 S 3000m-1

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Tara Simpson-Sullivan	2021 Hammer Throw 2015 J HT-3, 2016 I HT-3, 2017 I HT-1, 2018 S HT-3, 2019 S HT-2
George Ellis (representing Cumberland)	1954 100y, 1955 220y 1949 I 220y-1, 1950 S 220y-2, 1951 S 220y-1
Martin Rush	1992 10k Walk 1983 S 5k Walk-1
Chris Mulvaney	2004 1500m 1997 I 800m-2, 1999 S 1500m-2
Lee Doran	2011-14 Javelin Throw 1999 J JT-2, 2000 and 2001 I JT-1, 2002 S JT-2, 2003 S JT-1
Nick Miller	2014, 2015, 2017-2019 and 2022 Hammer Throw 2010 S HT-2, 2011 S HT-1
Tom Farrell	2014 and 2015 5000m 2009 S 3000m-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* 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 (Cumbria)

1976	J	1500m	Louise Parker
1978	S	HJ	Sheila Southern
1979	S	5k Walk	Alison Grant
1979	I	1500m	Louise Parker
1979	S	HJ	Deborah Friar
1980	J	CC	Tonia McCullough
1980	J	800m	Tonia McCullough
1981	J	1500m	Amanda Cowx
1981	J	800m	Jacky Doran
1981	I	800m	Tonia McCullough
1982	I	800m	Tonia McCullough
1983	S	HJ	Jennifer Little
1987	S	JT	Caroline White
1988	I	800m	Natalie Tait
1988	S	JT	Caroline White
1989	S	5k Walk	Kerry Woodcock
1992	J	HJ	Kellie Durham
1999	I	JT	Carol Wallbanks
2007	I	CC	Laura Park
2008	I	CC	Laura Park
2008	I	3000m	Laura Park
2010	J	JT	Natasha Wilson
2011	I	JT	Natasha Wilson
2012	J	800m	Chelsea Nugent
2012	I	JT	Natasha Wilson
2013	S	JT	Natasha Wilson
2016	J	1500m	Olivia Mason
2017	I	CC	Olivia Mason
2017	I	HT	Tara Simpson-Sullivan
2020	S	CC	Olivia Mason
2021	I	3000m	Jess Bailey
2022	I	CC	Jess Bailey

ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS (Cumbria)

1975	J	TJ	B. Ritchie
1978	I	800m	Chris McGeorge
1979	S	800m	Chris McGeorge
1982	S	CC	Kevin McCluskey
1983	S	10k Walk	Martin Rush
1984	I	400m	Gary Patterson
1985	S	400m	Julian Thompson
1991	I	PV	Simon Gaines
1993	S	DT	Mark Quigley
1997	J	DT	Chris Orr
1999	I	DT	Chris Orr
1999	S	HT	David Little
2000	I	JT	Lee Doran
2001	I	JT	Lee Doran
2003	S	JT	Lee Doran
2004	S	110mH	Jordan Fleary
2005	J	HJ	Richard Byers
2009	S	3000m	Tom Farrell
2011	S	HT	Nick Miller
2015	J	PEN	Joe Connelly
2017	I	800m	Oliver Dustin
2018	S	800m	Oliver Dustin
2020	I	CC	Fraser Sproul
2022	J	HT	Joshua Reibbitt
2024	I	HT	Joshua Reibbitt

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ESAA GIRLS CHAMPIONS (Cumberland)

1950	S	100y	J. Purrington
1958	S	JT	Mary Brown
1971	I	400m	Noeline Banton

ESAA GIRLS CHAMPIONS (Westmorland)

1960	S	100y	Margaret Prior
1968	S	880y	Phyllis Lowis

ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS (Cumberland)

1947	U16	440y	D. Bell
1948	I	4x110y	Cumberland
1949	I	220y	George Ellis
1950	I	SP	John Hutchinson
1951	I	JT	George Thompson
1951	S	220y	George Ellis
1951	S	SP	John Hutchinson
1956	I	110yH	D. J. Bell
1958	S	200yH	R. Wilson
1960	I	110yH	Howard Jeffrey
1961	I	110yH	Howard Jeffrey
1965	S	220y	Christopher Mossop
1970	J	200m	Dennis Thompson
1970	S	5k Walk	Chris Eyre
1972	J	200m	Ian Johnstone
1972	J	4x100m	Cumberland
1972	S	5k Walk	Keith Brewster
1972	S	200m	Keith Jackson

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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

1979	I	1500m	Louise Parker	2007	I	3000m	Laura Park
1988	I	800m	Natalie Tait	2007	I	CC	Laura Park
1992	U16	iHJ	Kellie Durham	2012	I	JT	Natasha Wilson
1995	I	HJ	Rachel Martin	2016	J	CC	Olivia Mason
1999	I	JT	Carol Wallbanks	2017	I	CC	Olivia Mason
2000	I	HJ	Stephanie Higham	2017	I	HT	Tara Simpson-Sullivan
2001	I	LJ	Sarah Humphreys				

BOYS WINNERS

1982	I	CC	Paul Taylor	1995	J	CC	Gareth Melvin
1984	I	100m	Robert Johnson	2000	I	JT	Lee Doran
1984	I	400m	Gary Patterson	2001	I	JT	Lee Doran
1991	I	PV	Simon Gaines	2015	U16	iPEN	Joe Connelly
1995	I	1500mST	Simon Curwen	2024	I	HT	Joshua Reibbitt

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)

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EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

2013	Tom Farrell	5000m Silver
2015	Nick Miller	Hammer Throw Gold

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2024	Jess Bailey	Cross Country Silver
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EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

1981	Chris McGeorge	800m Bronze
1985	Paul Taylor	5000m Gold
1987	Gary Patterson	4 x 400m Gold
2019	Oliver Dustin	800m Gold

EUROPEAN YOUTH / U18 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2022	Jess Bailey	3000m Silver
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