

ESAA - DERBYSHIRE ROLL OF HONOUR

The *Derbyshire Schools' Sports Association* was formed in 1928 with an athletics section added in 1931. In the 1950s it became the *Derbyshire Schools' Athletics Association*.

The first Derbyshire Schools' County Championship was held at Chesterfield Grammar School on July 4th, 1931. Derbyshire athletes were sent to an ESAA Championship for the first time in 1932.

In 1934 Doris Wragg of Chesterfield Central School gained Derbyshire's first ever ESAA Championship points when winning the Girls Under-14 High Jump with her record-equalling clearance of 4' 10".

The ESAA Championship was held in Derbyshire for the first time in 1938 at the Municipal Sports Ground in Derby.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLIST

Calli Hauger-Thackery (also South Yorkshire)	2024 Half Marathon Bronze and Half Marathon Team Gold 2009 I 800m-7
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COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLISTS

Fiona May	1990 Long Jump Bronze (<i>for England</i>) 1983 J LJ-2, 1985 I LJ-2, 1986 I LJ-1, 1987, 1988 and 1989 S LJ-1
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(Fiona also won the following medals for Italy : Olympic Games - 1996 and 2000 Silver; World Championships – 1995, 2001 Gold, 1997 Bronze, 1999 Silver; European Championships - 1994 Bronze, 1998 Silver)

Karen Martin	1998 Javelin Throw Silver 1990 I JT-3
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Niamh Emerson	2018 Heptathlon Bronze 2014 I HEP-4
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BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Cherry Hanson	1978 1500m 1971 J 800m-8
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Kathryn Warren	1981 Heptathlon 1976 S 100mH-3, 1977 S HJ-3
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Fiona May	1990-1992 Long Jump 1983 J LJ-2, 1985 I LJ-2, 1986 I LJ-1, 1987, 1988 and 1989 S LJ-1
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Karen Martin	1997 and 2001 Javelin Throw 1990 and 1991 I JT-3, 1992 S JT-2
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Liz Fairs	2003 400m Hurdles 1991 J 75mH-3, 1992 J 80mH-1, 1993 I 80mH-2, 1994 I 80mH-1, 1995 and 1996 100mH-2
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Emma Lyons	2008 Pole Vault 2005 S PV-4
Alicia Barrett	2017-18 and 2025 100m Hurdles 2012 J 75mH-1, 2013 and 2014 I 80mH-1, 2016 S 100mH-1
Niamh Emerson	2017 Heptathlon 2014 I HEP-4
Jessica Turner	2021 400m Hurdles 2012 and 2013 S 400mH-3
Rebekah Walton	2021-25 Javelin Throw 2014 J JT-1, 2017 and 2018 S JT-2
Luke Gunn	2009-12 3000m Steeplechase 2001 I 1500mST-1, 2003 S 2000mST-2
Ben Connor	2019 10000m 2010 S CC-3
Alex Knibbs	2020 400m 2015 I 400mH-2, 2017 I 400mH-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

1934	U14	HJ	Doris Wragg	2004	S	200m	Hayley Gadsby
1947	U14	100y	Mavis Elcock	2005	S	200m	Hayley Gadsby
1949	J	100y	Mavis Elcock	2006	J	800m	Alex Turner
1959	I	DT	Sandra Milton	2007	J	SP	Yasmin Spencer
1960	I	LJ	Lorraine Winfield	2007	S	TJ	Claire O'Reilly
1964	J	150y	Kathryn Nelson	2008	J	75mH	Yasmin Miller
1965	J	150y	Kathryn Nelson	2008	I	SP	Yasmin Spencer
1965	J	4x110y	Derbyshire	2009	J	75mH	Yasmin Miller
1966	J	SP	Margaret Smith	2009	I	SP	Yasmin Spencer
1966	I	150y	Kathryn Nelson	2009	S	100m	Lauretta Curtis
1967	I	150y	Kathryn Nelson	2010	I	80mH	Yasmin Miller
1967	S	DT	Susan Campbell	2010	I	TJ	Naomi Reid
1970	I	100m	Ruth Morris	2012	J	75mH	Alicia Barrett
1977	J	75mH	Debbie Baker	2013	I	80mH	Alicia Barrett
1985	I	CC	Susan Riley	2014	J	JT	Rebekah Walton
1986	I	LJ	Fiona May	2014	I	300m	Ella Barrett
1986	S	100m	Christine Chambers	2014	I	80mH	Alicia Barrett
1987	S	100m	Christine Chambers	2015	J	800m	Tilly Simpson
1987	S	LJ	Fiona May	2015	J	DT	Caitlin Emerson
1988	S	LJ	Fiona May	2015	J	HT	Lauren Hill
1989	S	LJ	Fiona May	2016	I	1500m	Tilly Simpson
1991	J	4x100m	Derbyshire	2016	S	100mH	Alicia Barrett
1992	J	75mH	Liz Fairs	2018	J	PEN	Ella Rush
1994	J	LJ	Kelly Williamson	2019	I	HEP	Ella Rush
1994	I	80mH	Liz Fairs	2021	S	HEP	Ella Rush
1996	S	800m	Zoe Peatfield	2024	S	400m	Angelique Abberley
1997	S	CC	Karen Fletcher	2026	J	DT	Ruby Arnold
2004	I	JT	Laura Scott	2026	J	SP	Summer Biggs

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ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS

1938	U14	100y	D. Watts	1992	I	3000m	Sam Jackson
1938	U14	4x110y	Derbyshire	1993	J	PEN	Marcellas Peters
1939	U14	100y	F. Hodkinson	1993	J	LJ	Marcellas Peters
1952	S	LJ	N. Haviland	1993	S	CC	Kevin Farrow
1956	J	LJ	John Rowland	1994	J	TJ	Daniel Hutchinson
1958	S	1M	Maurice Lynn	1994	I	LJ	Marcellas Peters
1959	J	JT	John Summerfield	1996	I	400m	David Naismith
1959	S	LJ	John Rowland	1996	I	400mH	Jon Heggie
1961	J	220y	John Smith	1998	S	400m	David Naismith
1961	S	HJ	Trevor Gratton	1999	J	HJ	Mark Bidwell
1965	I	LJ	David Mylrea	1999	S	400m	David Naismith
1966	J	880y	Peter Hearnshaw	2000	J	200m	Simon Farenden
1968	S	440y	Jonathan English	2000	I	400mH	Oliver Teasel
1970	I	TJ	John Slaney	2001	I	1500mST	Luke Gunn
1974	J	JT	David Walters	2001	I	200m	Simon Farenden
1974	I	3000m	Nicky Lees	2004	I	HJ	Tom Mather
1974	I	SP	Geoffrey Whaley	2006	J	PEN	Jack Andrew
1975	S	TJ	Nick Stoppard	2008	I	OCT	Jack Andrew
1976	S	CC	Nicky Lees	2010	I	HJ	Jonathon Heath
1976	S	TJ	Nick Stoppard	2012	J	3k Walk	Matthew Redfern
1984	I	100m	Russell Boaler	2013	I	200m	Ryan Gorman
1986	S	100m	Russell Boaler	2014	J	LJ	Joe Walker
1990	J	80mH	Tom Bradwell	2014	I	200m	Ryan Gorman
1991	J	1500m	Stuart Bond	2014	S	100m	Jay Raradza
1992	J	100m	Michael Tietz	2017	S	400mH	Alex Knibbs
1992	I	CC	Kevin Farrow	2024	J	1500m	Ewan Withnall

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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

1966	S	80mH	Eileen Dawson	2004	I	JT	Laura Scott
1967	S	DT	Susan Campbell	2008	I	SP	Yasmin Spencer
1984	I	3000m	Wendy Wright	2010	I	80mH	Yasmin Miller
1985	I	CC	Susan Riley	2010	I	TJ	Naomi Reid
1985	I	LJ	Fiona May	2013	I	80mH	Alicia Barrett
1990	I	JT	Karen Martin	2014	I	300m	Ella Barrett
1993	I	80mH	Liz Fairs	2014	I	80mH	Alicia Barrett
1994	I	80mH	Liz Fairs	2016	I	1500m	Tilly Simpson
1995	U16	iLJ	Kelly Williamson	2019	O16	iPEN	Ella Rush

BOYS WINNERS

1961	S	HJ	Trevor Gratton	1996	I	400m	David Naismith
1965	S	HJ	Martin Brockie	2000	U16	iHJ	Mark Bidwell
1968	S	440y	Jonathan English	2001	I	1500mST	Luke Gunn
1990	U16	i60mH	Tom Bradwell	2001	I	HJ	Adam Gallie
1992	I	3000m	Sam Jackson	2013	I	200m	Ryan Gorman
1993	U16	iPEN	Marcellas Peters	2014	I	200m	Ryan Gorman
1994	U16	iLJ	Marcellas Peters	2022	I	100m	Yaw Afirifah-Mensah
1994	I	LJ	Marcellas Peters				

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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WORLD JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - GIRLS

1988	Fiona May	Long Jump Gold
2018	Niamh Emerson	Heptathlon Gold

WORLD JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLIST - BOYS

2018	Alex Knibbs	4 x 400m Bronze
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EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2017	Jessica Turner	400m Hurdles Silver
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EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

1997	Daniel Money	4 x 100m Gold
1999	David Naismith	4 x 400m Bronze
2001	David Naismith	4 x 400m Gold

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - GIRLS

1987	Fiona May	Long Jump Gold
2013	Yasmin Miller	4 x 100m Gold
2017	Alicia Barrett	100m Hurdles Silver
2017	Ella Barrett	4 x 400m Bronze

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

1977	Nicky Lees	5000m Bronze
1995	Daniel Money	200m Bronze and 4 x 100m Gold
1997	David Naismith	400m Bronze and 4 x 400m Bronze

EUROPEAN YOUTH / U18 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2016	Niamh Emerson	Heptathlon Bronze
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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 including Bobsleigh, Boxing, Cricket, Cycling, Darts, Football, Hockey, Modern Pentathlon, Netball, Powerlifting, Rowing, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Skeleton, Triathlon and Weightlifting.

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

BOBSLEIGH - DANIEL MONEY

Daniel represented Derbyshire when finishing second in the 1995 ESAA Senior 100 metres.

He moved to bobsleigh in 2006 after his athletics career ended and was 5th in 2007 World Championships 4-man bob and 17th in 2010 Olympic Games 4-man bob.

BOBSLEIGH - PHIL HARRIES

Phil represented Derbyshire when finishing third in the 1985 ESAA Senior 400 metres Hurdles. He also competed for Wales in the 1994 Commonwealth Games and for Great Britain at the 1988 Olympic Games.

Phil moved to bobsleigh after his athletics career ended and was 13th in 2002 Olympic Games 4-man bob.

FOOTBALL – FRANK AUSTIN

Frank represented Derbyshire when finishing 4th in the 1947 ESAA Under-16 880 yards. He was also a keen footballer and the following May he played for England Schools against Scotland Schools.

He was signed by Coventry City in 1950 and went on to become one of their longest serving players. After 313 games in a 13-year career he moved to Torquay United in January 1963. In 2 seasons at Torquay he played a further 24 league games.

Freya represented Derbyshire when finishing 7th in the 2017 ESAA Senior Long Jump. She had been interested in skeleton for a few years before that.

FOOTBALL – FREYA TARBIT

Freya made her international skeleton debut in 2021 and, 2 years later won the Junior World Championship bronze medal.

At senior level she won her first World Cup event in 2024 and, following a successful 2025/26 World Cup season, was selected to represent Great Britain at the 2026 Winter Olympics. Freya finished 7th in the women's skeleton and 4th in the mixed team competition, agonisingly only 11 hundredths of a second away from a bronze medal.

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TRIATHLON - DAVID BISHOP

David, twin brother of Tom, represented Derbyshire when finishing 23rd in the 2005 ESAA Junior Cross Country. At this time he was also competing as a triathlete.

He is an elite level competitor and has represented Great Britain at Senior level. Tom's best Triathlon performance at the elite level is second place at the 2014 World Triathlon Series event in London.

TRIATHLON - TOM BISHOP

Tom, twin brother of David, represented Derbyshire when finishing 22nd in the 2009 ESAA Senior Cross Country. At this time he was also competing as a triathlete.

He won the World Triathlon Junior silver medal in 2010 and started racing at the elite level in 2014. Tom's best Triathlon performance at the elite level is 5th place at the World Triathlon Series events, in Edmonton in 2016 and in Leeds in 2017. He also achieved 2nd place in the World Triathlon Mixed Relay Series event in Nottingham in 2018.

Tom also competed for England at the 2018 Commonwealth Games where he finished 19th.