

ESAA – DORSET ROLL OF HONOUR

The *Dorset Schools' Athletics Association* was formed in March 1927.

A sports day was then held at the Dorchester Recreation Ground on 29th June, 1927 and a team subsequently chosen to compete at the ESAA Championship at Stamford Bridge on 16th July.

In 1935 Dorset won its first ESAA Championship when G. Taylor won the Boys Under-14 long jump title.

Implementation of the 1972 Local Government Act on April 1st, 1974 resulted in the Hampshire borough of Bournemouth and an area around Christchurch being included in Dorset.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLISTS

Nikki Hamblin (NZL) (also Somerset)	2010 800m and 1500m Silver 2001 J 1500m-3, 2002 J 1500m-1, 2003 and 2004 I 800m-1, 2006 S 800m-3
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Melissa Courtney (WAL)	2018 1500m Bronze 2008 I 1500m-3
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Notes regarding the athlete details shown above :

An entry for each athlete begins with a line (or lines) detailing their Major Championship medal win(s) or their British Championship title win(s). This is followed by a line (or lines) listing their ESAA Championship medal winning performance(s), or showing a non-medal winning performance, 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

1947	U16	100y	Hazel Hatfield	2002	J	1500m	Nikki Hamblin
1948	I	100y	Hazel Hatfield	2002	J	JT	Laura Carr
1949	I	100y	Hazel Hatfield	2002	I	JT	Louise Watton
1973	J	HJ	Anne Gilson	2002	S	400mH	Sian Scott
1975	S	CC	Caroline Simpson	2003	I	800m	Nikki Hamblin
1975	S	DT	Lynn Smith	2004	I	800m	Nikki Hamblin
1977	S	HJ	Anne Gilson	2005	J	JT	Jemma Tewkesbury
1978	I	LJ	Claire Henley	2005	S	JT	Louise Watton
1981	J	100m	Kim Cooper	2007	S	HEP	Serita Shone
1981	I	CC	Alison Hollington	2009	S	JT	Jemma Tewkesbury
1982	S	CC	Alison Hollington	2012	J	1500m	Elisabeth Hood
1992	I	200m	Debbie Mant	2014	J	DT	Danielle Broom
1992	S	800m	Sarah Gallop	2014	J	SP	Hannah Molyneaux
1993	I	800m	Dorothea Lee	2019	I	3000m	Emily Shaw
1994	J	SP	Rebecca Chamberlain	2021	S	200m	Amelia Verney
1997	S	JT	Tammie Francis	2023	J	HJ	Darcie Nobles
1999	J	1500m	Charlotte Moore	2025	J	HT	Aspen Stobart
2000	J	JT	Louise Watton	2025	J	JT	Mila Desborough
2001	J	JT	Louise Watton	2026	J	JT	Mila Desborough
2001	I	800m	Charlotte Moore				

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ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS

1935	U14	LJ	G. Taylor	2001	I	3000m	Colin McCourt
1955	J	SP	R. Courtney	2003	J	CC	Matthew Clark
1956	J	PV	Jonathan Hutton	2003	I	SP	Daniel Hepplewhite
1958	I	PV	Jonathan Hutton	2005	S	SP	Dan Brunsden
1959	J	PV	Christopher Raindle	2007	J	HJ	Alex Cox
1959	S	PV	Jonathan Hutton	2007	J	HT	Andrew Elkins
1960	S	PV	Jonathan Hutton	2008	J	HJ	Alex Cox
1964	I	JT	Malcolm McNeil	2009	I	HT	Andrew Elkins
1964	S	HJ	John Gayford	2010	J	PEN	Nicholas Hunt
1972	S	JT	Peter De Kremer	2010	J	HJ	Nicholas Hunt
1977	J	JT	Tom Rittenhouse	2011	S	2000mST	Jack Partridge
1977	I	100m	David Trick	2012	I	OCT	Nicholas Hunt
1981	I	LJ	Ian Ward	2012	I	HJ	Nicholas Hunt
1982	J	HJ	Mutale Mulenga	2013	S	DEC	Nicholas Hunt
1983	J	JT	Justin Rubio	2014	I	LJ	Patrick Sylla
1984	I	JT	Justin Rubio	2015	I	LJ	Patrick Sylla
1987	I	400mH	Grant McPherson	2019	J	LJ	Alfie Why
1989	J	LJ	Tim Ward	2021	I	3000m	Edward Bird
1989	J	SP	Tony Rooker	2021	S	DT	Rhys Allen
1994	I	400m	Tim Slocombe	2022	J	LJ	William Launder
1994	S	DT	Simon Fricker	2022	S	DT	Rhys Allen
1995	S	TJ	James Leaver	2024	S	800m	William Rabjohns
2001	J	800m	Craig Bravington	2025	J	800m	Oliver Bradford-Peck

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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

1974	I	HJ	Anne Gilson
1991	I	200m	Debbie Mant
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1993	I	800m	Dorothea Lee
1995	U16	iSP	Rebecca Chamberlain
1997	I	TJ	Rachel Peacock
1998	I	TJ	Rachel Peacock
2000	I	1500m	Charlotte Moore
2000	U16	i1500m	Charlotte Moore
2002	I	JT	Louise Watton
2003	I	800m	Nikki Hamblin
2004	I	800m	Nikki Hamblin
2005	I	LJ	Serita Shone
2016	I	DT	Danielle Broom
2019	I	3000m	Emily Shaw

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1972	S	JT	Peter de Kremer
1987	I	400mH (A)	Grant McPherson
1990	I	400m	Daniel Reuby
2001	I	3000m	Colin McCourt
2014	I	LJ	Patrick Sylla
2015	I	LJ	Patrick Sylla
2021	I	3000m	Edward Bird
2025	I	LJ	William Launder

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

2024 Edward Bird 3000m Bronze

EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2005 Sian Scott 400m Hurdles Bronze and 4 x 400m Silver

EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

2019 Piers Copeland 1500m Hurdles Silver

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - GIRLS

1993	Debbie Mant	4 x 100m Gold
2003	Charlotte Moore	800m Silver
2003	Sian Scott	4 x 400m Bronze
2013	Steffi Wilson	4 x 100m Gold

EUROPEAN YOUTH / U18 MEDALLIST - BOYS

2022 Edward Bird 3000m Bronze

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MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE

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, Swimming, Triathlon and Weightlifting.

Details follow of two Dorset ESAA competitors who went on to have successful careers in another sport :

HOCKEY – MARTHA TAYLOR

Martha was the 2016 Dorset SAA Junior Javelin Throw champion and went on to finish 8th in the ESAA Championship.

She won her first cap for England in February 2022 and, as of the end of June 2025, has played 23 times for England. Martha has also won 18 caps for Great Britain.

RUGBY UNION – DAVID TRICK

David represented Dorset when winning the 1977 ESAA Inter 100 metres championship and was second in the ESAA Senior 100 metres event one year later.

He made his debut for Bath Rugby in 1979, the first of 225 appearances for the club in a 12-year career. He made his full England Rugby Union debut in 1983. This was the first of 2 caps.

David was Bath Rugby President from 2011 to 2013.