

ESAA – DURHAM ROLL OF HONOUR

An initial meeting was held on 28th April, 1950 at Bede College, Durham to discuss the formation of a *Durham County Schools Athletic Association*. The *Association* was formed in time to arrange the holding of its first County Championship just over 2 months later.

It was held on 30th June, 1951 at Houghton-Le Spring with nearly 400 children from 14 County Durham districts taking part.

In 1952 the first Durham ESAA champions were crowned, J. Smith in the Senior Boys 100 yards and J. Hepple in the Junior Boys 220 yards.

Houghton-Le Spring was also the venue for the 1958 ESAA Track and Field Championship, the first time the event was held in County Durham.

OLYMPIC GAMES MEDALLISTS

Brendan Foster	1976 10000m Bronze 1960 J 1M-3
Charlie Spedding	1984 Marathon Bronze 1971 S 1500m-2
Steve Cram	1984 1500m Silver 1975 J CC-3, 1977 I 1500m-1, 1978 S 1500m-1, 1979 S 1500m-1

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MEDALLIST

Steve Cram	1983 1500m Gold 1975 J CC-3, 1977 I 1500m-1, 1978 S 1500m-1, 1979 S 1500m-1
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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLISTS

Joy Grieveson	1962 400m Silver 1956 J 70yH-3
Brendan Foster	1971 1500m Bronze, 1974 5000m Gold 1960 J 1M-3
Steve Cram	1982 and 1986 1500m Gold, 1986 800m Bronze 1975 J CC-3, 1977 I 1500m-1, 1978 S 1500m-1, 1979 S 1500m-1
Jared Deacon	2002 4 x 400m Gold 1992 I 200m-r2-3

Angela Piggford (1990 4 x 400m Bronze) ran in the relay heat but not in the final.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLISTS

Angela Piggford	1986 4 x 400m Bronze, 1990 4 x 400m Gold
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	1979 J 400m-4
Jill Hunter	1990 10000m Silver 1980 J 800m h-6
Brendan Foster	1970 1500m Bronze, 1974 5000m Silver, 1978 5000m Bronze, 1978 10000m Gold 1960 J 1M-3
Steve Cram	1982 1500m Gold, 1986 800m and 1500m Gold 1975 J CC-3, 1977 I 1500m-1, 1978 S 1500m-1, 1979 S 1500m-1
Jared Deacon	2002 4 x 400m Gold 1992 I 200m-r2-3
Scott Lincoln (also North Yorkshire)	2022 and 2026 Shot Put Bronze 2011 S SP-3

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BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Joy Grieveson	1963 and 1965 440y 1956 J 70yH-3
Jill Hunter	1989 and 1995 10000m 1980 J 800m h-6
Alyson Dixon	2013 10000m 1996 S CC-105
Brendan Foster	1973, 1974 and 1976 5000m, 1977 and 1978 10000m 1960 J 1M-3
Charlie Spedding	1983 10000m 1971 S 1500m-2
Steve Cram	1981-83 1500m, 1984, 1986 and 1988 800m 1975 J CC-3, 1977 I 1500m-1, 1978 S 1500m-1, 1979 S 1500m-1
Scott Lincoln (also North Yorkshire)	2015-26 Shot Put 2011 S SP-3
Charlie Myers	2018 and 2023 Pole Vault 2011 J PV-2, 2013 I PV-2, 2014 S PV-1

Notes regarding the athlete details shown above :

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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

1953	I	LJ	Anita Warwick	1976	S	JT	Hazel McDonald
1954	I	150y	Anita Warwick	1979	S	200m	Wendy Barnes
1954	I	4x110y	Durham	1986	J	1500m	Claire Nicholson
1954	I	80yH	Sheila Mackay	1987	J	1500m	Claire Nicholson
1955	J	LJ	M. Bowes	1988	J	CC	Joanne Keenan
1955	I	LJ	Christine Roe	1990	I	800m	Catherine Allsopp
1956	S	LJ	Christine Roe	1991	I	800m	Tracy Ashcroft
1958	S	4x110y	Durham	1991	I	LJ	Adele Forester
1959	J	DT	A. Pescod	1992	I	800m	Tracy Ashcroft
1961	S	220y	Joyce Yuill	1992	I	LJ	Adele Forester
1968	S	100y	Pauline Joice	1994	J	1500m	Emma Alberts
1970	J	SP	Judith Potts	1994	J	800m	Karen Johns
1971	S	100m	June Rowell	2003	J	DT	Ashley Maddison
1972	J	LJ	Christina Hill	2004	S	HJ	Emma Morris
1972	I	80mH	Sue Holmstrom	2006	J	CC	Kate Avery
1972	I	SP	Judith Potts	2006	J	DT	Tyne Breen
1973	J	4x100m	Durham	2006	I	HJ	Rebekah Pottinger
1974	J	100m	Sheila Dickson	2007	I	4x100m	Durham
1974	J	JT	Susan Metcalf	2007	S	400mH	Samantha Coleby
1974	I	LJ	Christina Hill	2007	S	4x100m	Durham
1974	S	100mH	Sue Holmstrom	2015	I	TJ	Emily Gargan
1975	J	HJ	Gail Sumner	2016	S	TJ	Emily Gargan
1975	S	JT	Beryl Richardson	2019	S	CC	India Pentland

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ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS

1952	J	220y	J. Hepple	1975	J	HT	Duncan Huggall
1952	S	100y	J. Smith	1976	I	1500m	Adrian Martin
1953	I	100y	Jim Connelly	1977	I	1500m	Steve Cram
1953	I	4x110y	Durham	1977	I	3000m	Graham Smith
1956	S	100y	Brian Wellburn	1978	S	1500m	Steve Cram
1957	J	JT	R. Robertson	1979	I	3000m	Kelvin Newton
1958	J	LJ	Malcolm Trussler	1979	S	1500m	Steve Cram
1958	I	110yH	Leslie Metcalfe	1980	I	3000m	David Maguire
1959	S	120yH	Leslie Metcalfe	1981	J	4x100m	Durham
1960	J	220y	Maurice Hall	1983	I	400mH	Andrew Abrahams
1960	J	LJ	Raymond Seaward	1984	J	1500m	Stuart Mathieson
1960	I	220y	Terence Watson	1984	I	PV	Gary Jackson
1960	I	4x110y	Durham	1984	S	400mH	Andrew Abrahams
1960	S	120yH	Leslie Metcalfe	1985	J	200m	Richard Morton
1961	I	220y	Terence Watson	1985	S	PV	Gary Jackson
1963	J	440y	Bruce Adams	1986	J	LJ	Ryan Stead
1964	J	440y	Alan Foggon	1995	S	DT	Andrew Rutland
1964	S	2000mST	John Caine	2001	J	400m	Craig Crawford-Glanville
1965	S	PV	Leslie Johnson	2002	J	PEN	Lewis Robson
1966	J	220y	David Long	2002	J	400m	Lewis Robson
1966	I	LJ	Stuart Wood	2002	I	TJ	Graham Jackson
1966	S	100y	David Wood	2003	I	400mH	Craig Crawford-Glanville
1967	J	1M	David Jameson	2003	S	3000m	Chris Parr
1967	J	880y	David Lowes	2004	J	HJ	Philip Collins
1967	J	HT	Stan Douglas	2004	I	400m	Lewis Robson
1967	I	110yH	Ray Young	2006	I	HJ	Philip Collins
1967	S	2000mST	Ian Forster	2011	J	PEN	Anthony Hogg
1968	I	110yH	Ray Young	2011	J	HJ	Anthony Hogg
1968	I	LJ	Kenneth Brown	2014	I	1500m	Markhim Lonsdale
1969	I	HT	Stan Douglas	2014	S	PV	Charlie Myers
1969	I	LJ	Kenneth Brown	2017	J	800m	Daniel Joyce
1970	J	HT	David Maggs	2018	J	SP	Jack Halpin
1971	S	HT	Stan Douglas	2018	I	800m	Daniel Joyce
1972	J	SP	Geoff Hodgson	2019	I	800m	Daniel Joyce
1973	I	TJ	Anthony Smith	2022	I	CC	Brandon Pye
1973	S	1500m	Phil Dunn				

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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

1971	S	100m	June Rowell	1992	I	LJ	Adele Forester
1973	S	100mH (B)	Sue Holmstrom	1995	U16	i1500m	Emma Alberts
1974	I	LJ	Christina Hill	1995	U16	i800m	Karen Johns
1976	I	100m (B)	Karen Duncan	1996	I	200m	Wendy Cox
1991	I	800m	Tracy Ashcroft	2007	I	TJ	Chloe Gill
1991	I	LJ	Adele Forester	2015	I	TJ	Emily Gargan
1992	I	800m	Tracy Ashcroft				

BOYS WINNERS

1964	S	1500mST	John Caine	1980	I	3000m	David Maguire
1966	S	100y	David Wood	1987	J	CC	Vincent McKie
1967	S	2000mST	Ian Forster	1999	I	1500m	Malcolm Hassan
1971	S	1500m	Charlie Spedding	2001	U16	iPEN	Craig Crawford-Glanville
1971	S	HT	Stan Douglas	2002	U16	iPEN	Lewis Robson
1976	I	1500m	Adrian Martin	2002	I	TJ	Graham Jackson
1977	I	1500m	Steve Cram	2011	U16	iPEN	Anthony Hogg
1977	I	3000m	Graham Smith	2018	I	800m	Daniel Joyce
1979	I	3000m	Kelvin Newton	2019	I	800m	Daniel Joyce

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

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EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2013	Kate Avery	5000m Silver
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EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2009	Kate Avery	Cross Country Bronze
2009	Kate Avery	3000m Silver
2014	Lydia Turner	Cross Country Bronze

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

1979	Steve Cram	3000m Gold
2017	Markhim Lonsdale	800m Gold
2023	David Race	4 x 400m Gold

Daniel Joyce (2021 4 x 400m Gold) ran in the relay heat but not in the final.

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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 three of Durham's ESAA competitors who have gone on to have a successful career in other sports :

BOBSLEIGH - ALAN TOWARD

Alan represented Durham when finishing third in the 2011 ESAA Senior Discus Throw.

Alan joined the British Bobsleigh team in the summer of 2018 and by the end of the year was already competing in the World Cup 4-man bob. The World Cup is an 8-venue series of races and is considered to be the highest level of competition. Unfortunately Alan's progress was halted by a serious injury in the second race of 2019/2020 season.

CRICKET – NEIL KILLEEN

Neil represented Durham when finishing third in the 1990 ESAA Junior Javelin Throw. Neil had already been playing competitive cricket for 5 years having started at 10 years of age.

He played 102 first class games and 270 other games for Durham County Cricket Club in a career lasting from 1995 to 2010. Since retiring as a player Neil has undertaken several coaching roles for Durham.

He has also coached the England Under-19s and been a member of the England ODI coaching squad.

FOOTBALL – ALAN FOGGON

Alan represented Durham when winning the 1964 ESAA Junior 440 yards title.

He joined Newcastle United as an apprentice in 1967 and made his first team debut at 17 years of age. He went on to make 61 League appearances before a short spell at Cardiff. His next move was back to the North East to Middlesboro. In his 4 years there he made 115 League appearances and helped them win promotion from Division 2. Then followed a season in the U.S.A before a move to Manchester United where he played 3 games. His next club was Sunderland for a short, 8-game spell. He finished his League career at Southend in 1978.

Altogether Alan made 270 Football League appearances.