

ESAA – NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ROLL OF HONOUR

The *Northamptonshire Schools' Athletic Association* was formed on 8th April, 1927 at a meeting in Wellingborough.

It held its first county championship on 25th June, 1927 at the Militia Field, Clare Street, Northampton with a team being selected and sent to the ESAA Championships a few weeks later.

In 1928 Northamptonshire won its first ESAA Championship medals when Miss J. Clark (Girls long jump) was the silver medallist and S. Fitzhugh (Boys 100 yards) and W. Haines (Boys high jump) won bronze medals. These results helped the Boys team to an impressive 5th place and the Girls team to a 6th place finish out of 23 participating counties.

Z. Kacharski won the Boys Intermediate shot put title in 1949 to become the first Northamptonshire ESAA champion.

In 1935 Northamptonshire became the first Midlands county to host the ESAA Championship when it was held at the Kettering Cricket Ground. Over 700 competitors from 23 counties took part.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLIST

Derek Redmond	1987 4 x 400m Silver, 1991 4 x 400m Gold 1982 I 400m-2, 1983 S 400m-2
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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLISTS

Anita Neil	1969 100m and 200m Bronze, 1969 4 x 400m Bronze 1964 J LJ-1, 1965 I LJ-2
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Derek Redmond	1986 4 x 400m Gold 1982 I 400m-2, 1983 S 400m-2
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Will Sharman	2014 110m Hurdles Silver 2003 S 110mH-2
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COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLISTS

Anita Neil	1970 4 x 100m Silver 1964 J LJ-1, 1965 I LJ-2
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Barbara Martin	1974 4 x 100m Silver 1969 J 100m-2, 1970 I 100m-2, 1971 I 100m-1, 1973 S 200m-2
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Will Sharman	2010 and 2014 110m Hurdles Silver 2003 S 110mH-2
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BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Anita Neil	1970 100m 1964 J LJ-1, 1965 I LJ-2
Diana Elliott (later Davies)	1984-86, 1989 High Jump 1976 and 1977 I HJ-1
Georgina Forde-Wells	2023 and 2026 Triple Jump 2019 I TJ-4
Stewart Faulkner	1988-90 Long Jump 1983 J LJ-2, 1984 I LJ-3, 1985 I LJ-2, 1986 S LJ-1
Derek Redmond	1991 400m 1982 I 400m-2, 1983 S 400m-2
Brendan Reilly	1994 High Jump 1987 J HJ-3, 1988 and 1989 I HJ-1, 1990, 1991 and 1992 S HJ-1
Will Sharman	2010, 2013 and 2014 110m Hurdles 2003 S 110mH-2

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 performances, 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

1957	S	220y	M. Green
1963	I	JT	Delia Given
1964	J	LJ	Anita Neil
1967	J	HJ	Kathleen Whiteman
1971	I	100m	Barbara Martin
1972	I	4x100m	Northamptonshire
1973	J	LJ	Maria Bellamy
1975	I	LJ	Maria Bellamy
1976	I	HJ	Diana Elliott
1977	I	HJ	Diana Elliott
1990	S	400m	Claire Raven
1993	I	1500m	Juliette Oldfield
1994	I	JT	Nicola Mackay
1995	S	1500m	Juliette Oldfield
1995	S	HJ	Michelle Dunkley
1996	I	800m	Simone Hardy
1997	S	HJ	Michelle Dunkley
2002	S	CC	Sally Oldfield
2003	J	200m	Joey Duck
2004	I	200m	Joey Duck
2007	S	DT	Rachel Backhouse
2011	I	80mH	Lucy Hatton
2013	J	LJ	Eleanor Broome
2015	I	LJ	Eleanor Broome
2016	J	CC	Emily Williams
2017	I	800m	Emily Williams
2017	S	LJ	Eleanor Broome
2018	I	1500m	Emily Williams
2018	I	LJ	Cleo Martin-Evans
2019	S	1500m	Emily Williams
2021	I	DT	Lily Carlaw
2022	J	100m	Savannah Morgan
2022	J	4x100m	Northamptonshire
2022	S	SP	Lily Carlaw
2023	S	1500m	Alice Bates
2025	S	200m	Savannah Morgan

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ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS

1949	I	SP	Z. Kacharski	1990	J	HT	Mike Rowlatt
1951	J	DT	Alan Thurlow	1990	S	HJ	Brendan Reilly
1956	I	880y	Michael Parry	1991	J	PV	Mark Davis
1957	I	SP	Frank Smith	1991	S	HJ	Brendan Reilly
1964	S	440y	Neil Palmer	1992	I	PV	Mark Davis
1966	J	JT	Graham Sherwood	1992	S	HJ	Brendan Reilly
1970	I	100m	Bob Munns	1995	I	OCT	Leo Barker
1970	I	JT	Nicholas Jackman	1995	S	PV	Mark Davis
1971	S	100m	Bob Munns	1996	S	HT	Matthew Bell
1972	J	TJ	G. Catlin	1997	J	400m	Michael Snow
1972	S	400mH	Stephen James	1997	S	110mH	Leo Barker
1976	S	400mH	Chris Preston	2001	J	PEN	Pepi Nanci
1979	I	LJ	Richard Haycock	2001	J	DT	Sam Herrington
1980	J	200m	Dale Hillery	2002	I	DT	Sam Herrington
1980	S	400mH	Nigel Underwood	2003	J	PEN	Gregor Simey
1982	I	200m	Dale Hillery	2005	I	200m	Sean Taylor
1984	I	HJ	Chris Trotman	2008	I	400m	Benjamin Sturgess
1985	J	LJ	Kevin Liddington	2009	I	100mH	Themba Luhana
1986	J	CC	Lee Crainie	2017	I	1500mST	Adam Searle
1986	I	LJ	Kevin Liddington	2018	S	1500m	Joshua Lay
1986	S	LJ	Stewart Faulkner	2019	I	SP	Chris Dyrmishi
1987	I	LJ	Kevin Liddington	2021	S	SP	Chris Dyrmishi
1988	J	HT	Neil Curtis	2023	J	DT	Moyo Stumpenhuse
1988	I	HJ	Brendan Reilly	2023	I	200m	Ebuka Nwokeji
1988	S	100m	Courtney Rumbolt	2024	S	LJ	Sammy Lok
1988	S	4x100m	Northamptonshire	2025	I	DT	Moyo Stumpenhuse
1988	S	LJ	Kevin Liddington	2025	I	HT	Jack Hancock
1989	I	HJ	Brendan Reilly	2026	I	SP	Michael Graham
1989	S	LJ	Kevin Liddington				

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MIXED RELAY WIN

2023 | 4x100m Northamptonshire

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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

1963	S	JT	Delia Given	2004	I	200m	Joey Duck
1975	I	LJ	Maria Bellamy	2004	I	3000m	Sian Edwards
1976	I	HJ	Diana Elliott	2009	I	300mH	Charlotte Bowling
1977	I	HJ	Diana Elliott	2011	I	80mH	Lucy Hatton
1988	I	400m (A)	Claire Raven	2017	I	800m	Emily Williams
1993	I	1500m	Juliette Oldfield	2018	I	1500m	Emily Williams
2003	I	100m	Natalie Jowett	2018	I	LJ	Cleo Martin-Evans

BOYS WINNERS

1964	S	440y	Neil Palmer	1995	U18	iPEN	Leo Barker
1971	S	100m	Bob Munns	1998	U16	i400m	Michael Snow
1972	S	400mH	Steve James	2002	I	DT	Sam Herrington
1975	I	400mH	Christopher Preston	2005	I	200m	Sean Taylor
1986	I	LJ	Kevin Liddington	2017	I	1500mST	Adam Searle
1988	I	HJ	Brendan Reilly	2023	I	200m	Ebuka Nwokeji
1989	I	DT	Jamie Murphy	2024	I	DT	Moyo Stumpenhusen
1989	I	HJ	Brendan Reilly	2025	I	DT	Moyo Stumpenhusen
1992	I	PV	Mark Davis	2026	I	SP	Michael Graham
1993	I	PV	Mark Davis				

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 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

1988 Courtney Rumbolt 4 x 100m Bronze

EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2009 Joey Duck 4 x 100m Gold

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - GIRLS

1973 Barbara Martin 4 x 100m Bronze

2007 Joey Duck 4 x 400m Silver

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

1987 Stewart Faulkner Long Jump Silver

1997 Lee Black 4 x 400m Bronze

2019 Joshua Lay 1500m Bronze

EUROPEAN YOUTH / U18 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2018 Emily Williams 1500m Silver

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MULTI-SPORT ATHLETES

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

BOBSLEIGH – COURTNEY RUMBOLT

Courtney represented Northamptonshire when winning the 1988 ESAA Senior 100 metres title. Just a few weeks later he won a 1988 World Junior 4 x 100 metres relay bronze medal. Incidentally one of the other members of the relay squad was Lloyd Stapleton, the 1985 ESAA Inter 200 metres champion.

After failing to make the 1992 GB Olympic Games athletics team he made a very successful switch to bobsleigh. He won the 1998 Olympic Games bronze medal in the 4-man bob. This was Britain's best bobsleigh result in 62 years !

FOOTBALL – GARY MILLS

Gary represented Northamptonshire when finishing 6th in the 1976 ESAA Junior Boys 100 metres. He was already in the Nottingham Forest FC Academy and less than a year later made his debut for England Schoolboys. He also played for England Schoolboys at Rugby Union.

Gary made his Football League debut for Nottingham Forest in 1978, aged only 16, and played 173 times for them in 2 spells at the club. One of his appearances was in the 1980 European Cup Final when he became the youngest player to play in the winning team in the final of the competition. He went on to play in the Football League for Notts County (1987 to 1989 and 1994 to 1996, making 122 League appearances in his 2 spells) and Leicester City (1989 to 1994, making a further 200 League appearances).

Gary then started a long managerial career at various football clubs which included spells at 3 Football League clubs: Notts County, York City and Wrexham.

Gary also played twice for the England under-21 side and in the USA for over a year.

RUGBY UNION – CHARLOTTE BARRAS

Charlotte represented Northamptonshire when she competed in the 1996 ESAA Junior Long Jump but failed to reach the final. She started playing rugby union in 1998.

The first of her 42 caps for England came at the age of 22 in 2004. Charlotte scored England's only try in the losing 2010 World Cup Final against New Zealand.