

ESAA – WARWICKSHIRE ROLL OF HONOUR

The *Warwickshire Schools Athletic Association* was formed in 1947.

Its first County Championship was held on 26th June, 1948 on the Technical College Ground at Rugby. It was a 49-event meeting for 3 district Associations : Rugby, Solihull and Stratford-on-Avon together with a few competitors from Kenilworth. Rugby was the most successful Association winning the most points in the Boys and Girls Intermediate and Senior age groups.

Anne Edgington was Warwickshire's first ESAA Champion in 1953 when she won the Junior long jump title.

The implementation of the 1972 Local Government Act on April 1st, 1974 resulted in the creation of the metropolitan county of West Midlands. It was a significant change for Warwickshire with the boroughs of Birmingham, Coventry and Solihull now becoming part of West Midlands. This meant that Warwickshire went from being a Group A county to a Group C county with a considerable reduction in the number of permitted participants at the Track and Field Championships.

OLYMPIC GAMES MEDALLISTS

Carole Quinton	1960 80m Hurdles Silver 1951 J 100y-2
Sonia Lannaman	1980 4 x 100m Bronze 1968 J 100y-1, 1969 J 100m-1, 1970 J 100m-1, 1973 S 100m-1
Katharine Merry	2000 400m Bronze 1987 J LJ-3, 1988 LJ-2, 1988 J PEN-1, 1989 J 100m-1, 1990 I 100m-1, 1991 I 200m-1
Ian Stewart	1972 5000m Bronze 1964 I CC-47

WORLD CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLISTS

Ian Stewart (SCO)	1975 Gold 1964 I CC-47
Nick Rose	1980 Bronze 1974 I 1500m-3

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLISTS

Carole Quinton	1958 4 x 100m Silver 1951 J 100y-2
Sonia Lannaman	1978 4 x 100m Silver 1968 J 100y-1, 1969 J 100m-1, 1970 J 100m-1, 1973 S 100m-1
Judy Simpson (née Livermore)	1986 Heptathlon Bronze 1977 I 80mH-2, 1978 S 100mH-2, 1979 S 100mH-3

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Katharine Merry	1998 4 x 400m Bronze 1987 J LJ-3, 1988 LJ-2, 1988 J PEN-1, 1989 J 100m-1, 1990 I 100m-1, 1991 I 200m-1
Meghan Beesley	2018 400m Hurdles Bronze 2004 J PEN-1, 2005 I 300mH-2, 2005 I HEP-2, 2006 I 300mH-1, 2006 I HEP-1, 2007 S 100m-2, 2008 S HEP-1
Barry Jackson	1962 4 x 400m Silver 1956 J 200m-1
Ian Stewart	1969 5000m Gold 1964 I CC-47
David Moorcroft	1978 1500m Bronze, 1982 5000m Bronze 1972 S CC-3

COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLISTS

Carole Quinton	1958 80m Hurdles Silver 1951 J 100y-2
Sharon Corbett	1974 Javelin Throw Bronze 1969 I JT-1, 1970 and 1971 S JT-2
Sonia Lannaman	1974 4 x 100m Silver, 1978 100m Gold, 200m Silver and 4 x 100m Gold, 1982 4 x 100m Gold 1968 J 100y-1, 1969 J 100m-1, 1970 J 100m-1, 1973 S 100m-1
Mary Stewart	1978 1500m Gold 1970 J 800m-2, 1970 J CC-2, 1971 I CC-1
Sue Reeve (née Scott)	1978 Long Jump Gold 1965 J 100y-3, 1966 J LJ-1, 1967 I LJ-2, 1968 I 80mH-2
Gillian Dainty	1982 1500m Silver 1973 J 800m-2
Judy Livermore (later Simpson)	1982 and 1990 Heptathlon Bronze, 1986 Heptathlon Gold 1977 I 80mH-2, 1978 S 100mH-2, 1979 S 100mH-3
Karen Pugh	1986 Discus Throw Bronze 1980 J DT-1, 1981 I DT-2, 1982 IDT-1, 1983 and 1984 S DT-1
Jo Wise	1998 Long Jump Gold 1985 J LJ-2, 1986 I LJ-2, 1987 I LJ-1, 1989 S LJ-2, 1990 S LJ-1
Meghan Beesley	2010 4 x 400m Silver 2004 J PEN-1, 2005 I 300mH-2, 2005 I HEP-2, 2006 I 300mH-1,

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2006 I HEP-1, 2007 S 100m-2, 2008 S HEP-1

Barry Jackson	1962 4 x 440y Silver 1956 J 200m-1
Ian Stewart (SCO)	1970 5000m Gold 1964 I CC-47
David Black	1974 5000m Bronze and 10000m Silver 1968 I CC-7
Aston Moore	1978 and 1982 Triple Jump Bronze 1971 I TJ
David Moorcroft	1978 1500m Gold, 1982 5000m Gold 1972 S CC-3
Nick Rose	1982 5000m Silver 1974 I 1500m-3
Andrew Pozzi	2022 110m Hurdles Bronze 2008 I 100mH-3
Jake Minshull	2026 400m Hurdles Silver 2019 J 800m-1, 2019 J PEN-2, 2021 I 400mH-1, 2012 I OCT-2, 2022 and 2023 S 400mH-1

BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Carole Quinton	1958 and 1960 80m Hurdles 1951 J 100y-2
Roma Ashby	1960 and 1961 1 Mile 1955 S 800m-1
Sheila Carey (née Taylor)	1970 800m 1962 I 880y-6
Sharon Corbett	1973 Javelin Throw 1969 I JT-1, 1970 and 1971 S JT-2
Lorna Drysdale	1974 100m Hurdles 1971 I 80mH-1
Mary Stewart	1975 and 1979 1500m 1970 J 800m-2, 1970 J CC-2, 1971 I CC-1
Ginney Lovell (later Birch)	1975 and 1985 5k Walk 1973 S CC

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Sue Reeve (née Scott)	1976, 1977 and 1980 Long Jump 1965 J 100y-3, 1966 J LJ-1, 1967 I LJ-2, 1968 I 80mH-2
Sonia Lannaman	1977 100m and 200m, 1981 200m 1968 J 100y-1, 1969 J 100m-1, 1970 J 100m-1, 1973 S 100m-1
Gillian Dainty	1980, 1981 and 1983 1500m 1973 J 800m-2
Judy Livermore (later Simpson)	1982 and 1983 Heptathlon 1977 I 80mH-2, 1978 S 100mH-2, 1979 S 100mH-3
Katharine Merry	1994 100m and 200m, 1998 200m, 1999 400m 1987 J LJ-3, 1988 LJ-2, 1988 J PEN-1, 1989 J 100m-1, 1990 I 100m-1, 1991 I 200m-1
Jo Wise	1999 and 2000 Long Jump 1985 J LJ-2, 1986 I LJ-2, 1987 I LJ-1, 1989 S LJ-2, 1990 S LJ-1
Jo Blair	2016 Javelin Throw 2000 J JT-3, 2002 I JT-3, 2003 S JT-1
Meghan Beesley	2018 and 2019 400m Hurdles 2004 J PEN-1, 2005 I 300mH-2, 2005 I HEP-2, 2006 I 300mH-1, 2006 I HEP-1, 2007 S 100m-2, 2008 S HEP-1
John Young	1956 100y 1954 I 220y-1, 1955 and 1956 S 220y-1
Ian Stewart	1969 5000m 1964 I CC-47
David Black	1975 10000m, 1977 5000m 1968 I CC-7
Aston Moore	1976, 1978 and 1981 Triple Jump 1971 I TJ
Milton Palmer (also West Midlands)	1976 High Jump 1972 J HJ-3, 1973 J HJ-3, 1974 and 1975 I HJ-1
David Moorcroft	1978 1500m 1972 S CC-3
Nick Rose	1980 10000m 1974 I 1500m-3
Steve Phillips	1997 and 1999 Long Jump 1989 S LJ-3, 1990 S LJ-1

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Nathan Woodward	2011 400m Hurdles 2005 I 400mH-2, 2006 I 400mH-1, 2007 S 400mH-1
Andrew Pozzi	2012, 2016 and 2018 110m Hurdles 2008 I 100mH-3
Ed Dunford	2012 Decathlon 1998 J 80mH-3, 1998 J PEN-1, 1999 J 80mH-1, 1999 J PEN-1, 2000 I 100mH-2, 2000 I OCT-1, 2001 I 100mH-1, 2001 I OCT-1, 2002 S 110mH-1, 2002 S DEC-1, 2003 S 110mH-3, 2003 S DEC-1
Craig Murch	2020 Hammer Throw 2011 S HT-6

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)

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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1953	J	LJ	Anne Edgington	1988	S	4x100m	Warwickshire
1955	S	880y	Roma Ashby	1988	S	SP	Carol Cooksley
1957	S	LJ	Anne Edgington	1989	J	100m	Katharine Merry
1958	I	100y	Nichola Evans	1989	I	DT	Emma Merry
1963	I	80yH	Mary Gearing	1989	S	SP	Carol Cooksley
1966	J	4x110y	Warwickshire	1990	I	100m	Katharine Merry
1966	J	LJ	Sue Scott	1990	I	DT	Emma Merry
1967	S	LJ	Gillian Perrins	1990	S	LJ	Jo Wise
1968	J	100y	Sonia Lannaman	1991	I	200m	Katharine Merry
1968	J	80yH	Blondelle Thompson	1991	I	4x100m	Warwickshire
1968	I	CC	Janet Elvins	1991	S	DT	Emma Merry
1969	J	100m	Sonia Lannaman	1992	S	DT	Emma Merry
1969	I	JT	Sharon Corbett	1993	J	SP	Tracy Rea
1969	S	CC	Angela Lovell	1997	J	75mH	Sara McGreavy
1969	S	4x100m	Warwickshire	1999	I	80mH	Sara McGreavy
1970	J	100m	Sonia Lannaman	2000	S	100mH	Sara McGreavy
1970	J	75mH	Linda Brewer	2000	S	4x100m	Warwickshire
1970	S	100mH	Linda Robinson	2001	I	300m	Jenny Christie
1970	S	JT	Angela King	2001	S	100mH	Sara McGreavy
1971	J	JT	Sandra O'Toole	2002	I	200m	Emma Strachan
1971	I	CC	Mary Stewart	2003	S	JT	Jo Blair
1971	I	80mH	Lorna Drysdale	2004	J	PEN	Meghan Beesley
1972	J	DT	Jennifer Cameron	2006	I	HEP	Meghan Beesley
1973	J	100m	Maxine Ascroft	2006	I	300mH	Meghan Beesley
1973	S	100m	Sonia Lannaman	2006	I	HT	Hayley Murray
1973	S	800m	Margaret Morgan	2007	S	HT	Hayley Murray
1974	J	4x100m	Warwickshire	2008	S	HEP	Meghan Beesley
1974	I	3k Walk	Sylvia Saunders	2008	S	HT	Hayley Murray
1980	J	DT	Karen Pugh	2011	S	HEP	Imogen Green
1982	J	100m	Sally-Ann Frisby	2014	S	HEP	Ebony Wake
1982	I	DT	Karen Pugh	2014	S	LJ	Ebony Wake
1983	I	400mH	Helen Price	2015	S	HEP	Annabelle Pask
1983	S	DT	Karen Pugh	2021	S	LJ	Cleo Martin-Evans
1984	I	3k Walk	Kim MacAdam	2022	I	PV	Charley O'Neill
1984	I	400mH	Helen Price	2023	J	1500m	Olivia McGhee
1984	S	DT	Karen Pugh	2023	J	75mH	Grace McCollin
1985	I	SP	Carol Cooksley	2024	S	PV	Charley O'Neill
1987	I	LJ	Jo Wise	2025	I	1500m	Olivia McGhee
1988	J	PEN	Katharine Merry	2026	S	100m	Lucy Boyes
1988	J	DT	Emma Merry	2026	S	1500m	Olivia McGhee

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ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS

1954	I	220y	John Young	1970	S	CC	John Wheway
1955	S	220y	John Young	1970	S	1500m	Ray Smedley
1956	J	220y	Barry Jackson	1970	S	2000mST	John Wheway
1956	I	SP	Geoffery Care	1970	S	800m	Martin Mills
1956	S	220y	John Young	1971	J	3k Walk	Dave Cotton
1957	J	4x110y	Warwickshire	1971	I	3k Walk	Peter Dallow
1958	S	SP	Geoffery Care	1971	S	1500m	David Glassborow
1959	I	1M	Robert S. Izon	1971	S	4x100m	Warwickshire
1961	S	220y	Roger Impett	1972	J	CC	Brian Leadbeater
1961	S	4x110y	Warwickshire	1972	J	3k Walk	Noel Gibbons
1961	S	880y	Robert S. Izon	1972	J	800m	Stephen Turvey
1962	I	CC	Tom O'Reilly	1972	I	1000mST	John Tierney
1963	J	1M	Kenneth Bartlett	1972	S	100m	Tony Hadley
1963	J	SP	Anthony Landon	1972	S	4x100m	Warwickshire
1964	J	100y	Peter Wiltshire	1973	J	DT	Nigel Beard
1964	S	PV	Jeremy Marlow	1973	J	JT	Glenn O'Brien
1965	J	LJ	Noel Berry	1973	I	3k Walk	Mike Dunion
1965	I	100y	Peter Wiltshire	1973	I	LJ	Wayne O'Brien
1965	I	440y	Richard Green	1973	S	110mH	Basil Gabbidon
1965	I	880y	Bob Steele	1973	S	2000mST	John Tierney
1966	J	CC	Martin Jones	1974	I	200m	Delroy Henry
1966	J	4x110y	Warwickshire	1974	I	HJ	Milton Palmer
1966	I	220y	Peter Wiltshire	1974	S	10k Walk	Phil Dodd
1966	S	1M	Andrew Herrity	1975	S	10k Walk	Mike Angrove
1967	I	CC	Jim Kendrick	1977	J	LJ	Anthony Marsh
1967	I	880y	Martin Mills	1977	S	800m	Colin Szwed
1967	I	LJ	Geoffrey Evans	1978	J	JT	Steve Barnett
1967	S	100y	Peter Wiltshire	1980	J	LJ	Dave Ogilvie
1967	S	4x110y	Warwickshire	1982	J	TJ	Robin Ellison
1968	J	CC	David Glassborow	1985	I	5k Walk	Paul Whitehouse
1968	J	880y	Michael Morris	1988	J	3k Walk	Jonathan Deakin
1968	I	CC	Jim Kendrick	1989	I	5k Walk	Jonathan Deakin
1968	I	1M	Ray Smedley	1990	S	LJ	Steve Phillips
1968	S	CC	John King	1992	I	5k Walk	Ben Allkins
1968	S	5m Walk	Sean Coleman	1993	I	5k Walk	Guy Bailey
1969	J	3k Walk	Peter Dallow	1995	I	HT	Tim Wurr
1969	J	100m	Jerry Twomey	1998	J	PEN	Edward Dunford
1969	J	1500m	Gerald Cosgrave	1999	J	PEN	Edward Dunford
1969	I	200m	Tony Hadley	1999	J	80mH	Edward Dunford
1969	I	4x100m	Warwickshire	1999	J	TJ	Gary White
1969	S	2000mST	John Wheway	1999	I	400mH	Jeffrey Christie
1969	S	800m	Martin Mills	2000	I	OCT	Edward Dunford
1970	I	1500m	David Glassborow	2000	I	3000m	Paul Moores

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2000	S	400mH	Jeffrey Christie	2014	I	HJ	Rory Dwyer
2001	I	OCT	Edward Dunford	2015	S	HJ	Rory Dwyer
2001	I	100mH	Edward Dunford	2018	J	800m	Jai Sispal
2001	I	TJ	Gary White	2018	I	SP	Lewis Byng
2002	S	DEC	Edward Dunford	2019	J	800m	Jake Minshull
2002	S	110mH	Edward Dunford	2019	J	80mH	Freddie Clemons
2003	S	DEC	Edward Dunford	2019	I	200m	Jacob Spencer
2003	S	4x100m	Warwickshire	2019	S	SP	Lewis Byng
2003	S	TJ	Gary White	2021	I	400mH	Jake Minshull
2005	I	CC	Lee Carey	2022	J	HJ	Andre Onyekwe
2006	I	400mH	Nathan Woodward	2022	S	400m	Cameron McGregor
2006	S	3000m	Lee Carey	2022	S	400mH	Jake Minshull
2007	S	5k Walk	Simon Hambridge	2023	J	1500m	Archie Lane
2007	S	400mH	Nathan Woodward	2023	S	400m	Jake Minshull
2012	J	LJ	Tim Kerr-Chin	2024	J	JT	Charlie Cook
2012	J	SP	Harry Sutherland	2026	J	1500m	Zakariya Rush

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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

1967	S	LJ	Sue Scott	1994	U16	iSP	Tracy Rea
1969	S	JT	Angela King	1998	U16	i60mH	Sara McGreavy
1970	S	100mH	Linda Robinson	1999	I	80mH	Sara McGreavy
1977	I	80mH (B)	Judy Livermore	2001	I	300m	Jenny Christie
1981	I	DT	Karen Pugh	2006	U18	iPEN	Meghan Beesley
1984	I	400mH	Helen Price	2006	I	300mH	Meghan Beesley
1985	I	SP	Carol Cooksley	2006	I	HT	Hayley Murray
1986	I	LJ	Jo Wise	2011	U16	iPEN	Ebony Wake
1987	I	LJ	Jo Wise	2022	I	PV	Charley O'Neill
1989	I	DT	Emma Merry	2025	I	1500m	Olivia McGhee
1990	I	100m	Katharine Merry				

BOYS WINNERS

1961	S	220y	John Mason	2000	U18	iPEN	Edward Dunford
1961	S	880y	Robert S. Izon	2000	I	100mH	Edward Dunford
1964	S	TJ	Peter Drew	2000	U16	i60mH	Edward Dunford
1968	S	3M	John King	2000	U16	iTJ	Gary White
1969	S	2000mST	John Wheway	2001	U18	iPEN	Edward Dunford
1969	S	800m	Martin Mills	2001	I	100mH	Edward Dunford
1969	S	SP	Harry Bosworth	2001	I	TJ	Gary White
1970	S	2000mST	John Wheway	2005	I	CC	Lee Carey
1970	S	800m	Martin Mills	2012	U16	iPEN	Harry Sutherland
1971	S	200m	Tony Hadley	2018	I	SP	Lewis Byng
1973	S	2000mST	John Tierney	2019	U16	iPEN	Jake Minshull
1995	I	HT	Tim Wurr	2021	I	400mH	Jake Minshull
1998	U16	iPEN	Edward Dunford	2026	J	CC	Zakariya Rush
1999	U16	iPEN	Edward Dunford				

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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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 - GIRLS

1988	Jo Wise	Long Jump Bronze
1990	Katharine Merry	4 x 100m Silver
2008	Meghan Beesley	400m Hurdles Bronze

EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2011	Meghan Beesley	400m Hurdles Bronze
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EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

2007	Gary White	Triple Jump Gold
2011	Nathan Woodward	400m Hurdles Silver
2023	Edward Faulds	4 x 400m Bronze

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - GIRLS

1973	Sonia Lannaman	100m Gold and 4 x 100m Bronze
1991	Katharine Merry	200m Bronze and 4 x 100m Silver
1993	Katharine Merry	100m Silver, 200m Gold and 4 x 100m Gold
2007	Meghan Beesley	4 x 400m Silver

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

1975	Aston Moore	Triple Jump Gold
1991	Steve Phillips	Long Jump Gold
2011	Andrew Pozzi	110m Hurdles Silver
2021	Edward Faulds	400m Gold and 4 x 400m Gold
2023	Jake Minshull	4 x 400m Gold

Jeffrey Christie (2001 4 x 400m Silver) ran in the heat of the relay 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 four Warwickshire ESAA competitors who went on to have a successful career in other sports :

BOBSLEIGH – JOEL FEARON

Joel represented Warwickshire when finishing 6th in the 2007 ESAA Senior 100 metres. He took up bobsleigh in 2011 and combined it with a successful athletics career. In 2016 he became only the 7th British athlete to run the 100 metres in under 10 seconds and ran in several Diamond League meetings.

Joel won an Olympic bronze in the 4-man bob at the Sochi 2014 games. The team had originally placed 5th but the disqualification (6 years later !) of 2 Russian sleds led to their rightful promotion to the bronze medal position.

FOOTBALL – MARGARET MIKS

Margaret represented Warwickshire in the Javelin Throw at several ESAA Championships in the early 1970s with her best finish being 5th in the 1972 Intermediate event. She was already playing football for Coventry Bantams at this time.

In June 1973, just before appearing in the 1973 ESAA Championship, Margaret won her first cap for the England football team in a match against Scotland at Nuneaton. Ladies international football was in its infancy with this match being only the third official England Ladies football international.

She went on to gain 7 caps for England between 1973 and 1975.

RUGBY UNION – DAVID DUCKHAM MBE

David represented Warwickshire and reached the semi-finals of the 1964 ESAA Senior 200 yards Hurdles. He was already playing rugby union for the Warwickshire Under-19s at this time.

He made his Coventry rugby union debut in 1967, the first of 188 appearances for the club in a 12-year career. He made his full England Rugby Union debut in 1969 and amassed 36 caps before his England career ended in 1978.

David also played 3 times for the British and Irish Lions in the successful tour to New Zealand in 1971.

He was awarded the MBE in the 1977 Honours List.

RUGBY UNION – GEOFF EVANS

Geoff represented Warwickshire when winning the 1967 ESAA Intermediate Long Jump.

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He made his Coventry RFC debut in February 1971 as a team mate of David Duckham. Just over a year later, after playing only 38 first-class matches for Coventry, he made his debut for England against Scotland in March 1972. At 21 years and 3 months he was England's youngest centre for over 30 years.

Geoff played 9 times for England from March 1972 to March 1974 and also toured South Africa in 1974 with the British and Irish Lions.

RUGBY UNION – JOHN YOUNG

John represented Warwickshire when winning the 1954 ESAA Inter 100 yards title and the 1955 and 1956 ESAA Senior 220 yards titles. He was still a pupil at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School in Sutton Coldfield when he won the 1956 AAA 100 yards title. He then went to Oxford University to study law and gained athletics and rugby blues.

The first of his 9 caps for England came while he was at Oxford University. In 1959 John started a 7-season career for Harlequins making 102 appearances. His England career lasted from 1958 to 1961 and he also played 1 test for the British Lions against New Zealand in 1959.

After his rugby career was over he became a selector for the England RFU.