

ESAA – WILTSHIRE ROLL OF HONOUR

The *Wiltshire Schools Athletic Association* was formed on 20th February, 1926 at Trowbridge with 46 interested people attending the meeting. One resolution was to set up 11 Area Schools Associations which would arrange annual area athletic championships that would provide the competitors for an annual County Championship.

Its first County Championship was held on 23rd June, 1926 at the County Cricket Ground, Trowbridge. It was a 45-event programme with nearly 600 competitors and was witnessed by a crowd of over 1,000. The Trowbridge Area won the team championship.

Following the County Championship a small team was selected to represent Wiltshire at the ESAA Championship at the end of July.

The first Wiltshire ESAA medallist was P. Marchant of Marlborough Grammar School when he won the 1928 under-14 100 yards silver medal.

In 1938 Joe Norman became Wiltshire's first ESAA Champion when he won the 90 yards hurdles for under-16s.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLIST

Danny Talbot	2017 4 x 100m Gold 2008 and 2009 S 200m-3
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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLIST

Danny Talbot	2012 and 2016 200m Bronze 2008 and 2009 S 200m-3
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Danny Talbot (2014 4 x 100m-1) ran in the relay heat but not in the final.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLISTS

Leslie-Ann Skeete (also Somerset)	1990 100m Hurdles Bronze 1984 S 100mH-3, 1985 and 1986 S 100mH-1
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Kelly Morgan	2002 Javelin Throw Bronze 1994 J JT-1, 1995 I JT-1, 1998 S JT-1
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Martin Winbolt-Lewis	1966 4 x 440y Bronze 1965 S 440y-1
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Danny Talbot	2014 4 x 100m Silver 2008 and 2009 S 200m-3
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BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Leslie-Ann Skeete (also Somerset)	1990 100m Hurdles 1984 S 100mH-3, 1985 and 1986 S 100mH-1
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Kelly Morgan	2000 and 2002 Javelin Throw 1994 J JT-1, 1995 I JT-1, 1998 S JT-1
Martin Winbolt-Lewis	1968 440y 1965 S 440y-1
Matt O'Dowd	1996 3000m, 2004 10000m 1994 S 2000m ST-3, 2008 and 2009 S 200m-3
Adrian Hemery	2002 Decathlon 1999 S DEC-8
Danny Talbot	2014 200m 2008 and 2009 S 200m-3
Tom Gale	2021 High Jump 2016 and 2017 S HJ-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

1952	J	4x110y	Wiltshire
1954	S	80mH	Julie Leckie
1963	S	80mH	Mary Slade
1985	J	1500m	Jojo Tulloh
1986	I	1500m	Katherine Tulloh
1994	J	JT	Kelly Morgan
1995	I	JT	Kelly Morgan
1996	I	1500m	Camilla Waite
1997	S	800m	Emma Davies
1998	S	JT	Kelly Morgan
1999	I	LJ	Henrietta Paxton
2008	S	PV	Sophie Upton
2011	J	SP	Sophie Merritt
2011	I	PV	Hannah Grubb
2012	J	SP	Sophie Merritt
2012	I	800m	Loren Bleaken
2013	I	HEP	Grace Davies-Redmond
2013	I	SP	Sophie Merritt
2013	S	800m	Loren Bleaken
2014	J	HJ	Grace Chambers
2014	I	DT	Sophie Merritt
2017	J	DT	Anna Merritt
2018	J	CC	Beatrice Wood
2018	J	1500m	Beatrice Wood
2019	I	1500m	Beatrice Wood
2019	I	HJ	Molly Hole
2020	I	CC	Beatrice Wood

ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS

1938	U16	90yH	Joe Norman
1947	U14	75yH	John Adlam
1949	I	110yH	John Adlam
1950	J	100y	David Ricketts
1950	J	80yH	Brian Vooght
1951	J	220y	Rodney Duckett
1951	S	100y	Keith Scott
1957	J	PV	David Jones
1963	J	JT	Bob Anderson
1963	S	JT	Timothy Corfield
1965	S	440y	Martin Winbolt-Lewis
1966	J	HJ	Ian Gilmour
1982	J	200m	Dwight Samuda
1984	J	800m	Michael Alford
1984	J	80mH	David Colford
1987	I	100mH	Chris Iles
1994	J	JT	Clifton Green
1995	I	1500mST	Dave Mitchinson
1996	J	800m	Andrew Fulford
2003	S	SP	Kieren Kelly
2004	J	PEN	Andy Machin
2004	J	400m	Luke Smith
2004	S	SP	Kieren Kelly
2005	I	400mH	Toby Ulm
2007	J	PEN	Joe Hutchinson
2007	J	200m	Joe Hutchinson
2007	J	PV	Tom Gibson
2013	I	PV	Nikko Hunt
2016	S	HJ	Tom Gale
2017	J	JT	Thomas Holmes
2017	S	HJ	Tom Gale
2018	I	OCT	Rory Howorth
2021	I	JT	Theo Spurrell
2022	S	HT	Owen Merrett
2024	S	HJ	Peter Krunity-Salako
2025	S	HJ	Otis Poole
2026	S	HJ	Otis Poole

ESAA WHEELCHAIR CHAMPION

2024 400m T34/T54 T54 Toby Richardson

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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

1977	I	1500m	Sarah Andrews
1986	I	1500m	Katherine Tulloh
1995	I	JT	Kelly Morgan
2007	I	PV	Sophie Upton
2010	J	CC	Loren Bleaken
2011	I	PV	Hannah Grubb
2012	I	800m	Loren Bleaken
2018	J	CC	Beatrice Wood
2019	I	1500m	Beatrice Wood
2019	I	CC	Beatrice Wood
2021	I	TJ	Amy Warre

BOYS WINNERS

1965	S	440y	Martin Winbolt-Lewis
1976	I	400m (B)	Audley Richards
1992	I	LJ	Anthony Malcolm
2004	U16	iPEN	Oliver Linton
2005	I	400mH	Toby Ulm
2007	U16	iPEN	Joe Hutchinson
2015	I	1500mST	Will Stockley
2021	I	JT	Theo Spurrell
2026	I	400mH	Elliot Cox

Winning performances are shown in the following abbreviated format – yyyy a eeee where :

yyyy Championship Year

a Age Group (I – Intermediate, J – Junior, S – Senior, Under-16 (U16), and Over-16 (O16))

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 - GIRLS

2022 Ophelia Pye 4 x 400m Bronze

EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2009 Elaine O'Neill 4 x 100m Gold

EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

2001 Adam Potter 4 x 400m Gold
2011 Danny Talbot 4 x 100m Silver
2013 Danny Talbot 200m Silver and 4 x 100m Gold
2019 Tom Gale High Jump Silver

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2011 Amelia Clifford 4 x 400m Gold

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

2007 Toby Ulm 400m Hurdles Bronze
2017 Tom Gale High Jump Bronze
2025 Otis Poole High Jump Silver

EUROPEAN YOUTH / U18 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2022 Ophelia Pye 400m Hurdles Gold

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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 six Wiltshire ESAA competitors who went on to have a successful career in other sports :

BOXING – KELLY MORGAN

Kelly represented Wiltshire and was a winner of the ESAA Javelin Throw title in all age groups, her final win being the 1998 ESAA Senior title. She then won the 2000 and 2002 WAAA Javelin Throw titles and also in 2002, won the bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games. Sadly her successful athletics career was curtailed by injuries.

Kelly had joined the Army in 2001 and in 2007 had some amateur boxing bouts. She left the Army in 2012 and in 2015 turned to professional boxing. By the end of the year she was the WBC Silver Middleweight champion. Sadly before she could fight for the actual World Title she suffered an eye injury and had to retire.

DARTS – BOB ANDERSON

Bob represented Wiltshire when winning the 1963 ESAA Junior Javelin Throw title, beating Trevor Jesty by 20cm. He was selected in the Great Britain team for the 1968 Olympic Games but sadly broke his arm before the team left. The injury also ended his athletic career.

He turned to football until a broken leg ended his football career in 1970. However, Bob did end up having a long career in darts and won the 1988 BDO World Darts Championship.

FOOTBALL – JOHN ATYEO

John represented Wiltshire when finishing second in the 1948 ESAA Inter 110 yards Hurdles. At the time he was also representing Wiltshire at cricket, football and rugby.

In November 1950, as a teenage amateur, John played his first League game for Portsmouth and had another first team game later in the season. The following season he signed professional terms with Bristol City. It led to a 15-year career including 597 League games.

In 1955 he won the first of his 6 England caps, with the last coming in 1957.

FOOTBALL – DAVID PYLE

David represented Wiltshire in the ESAA Hurdles in the early 1950s.

He spent 7 seasons for Bristol Rovers from 1955 to 1962 during which he played 139 games. He then moved to Bristol City for the 1962-63 season and played a further 8 League games.

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RUGBY UNION – JONNY MAY

Jonny represented Wiltshire when finishing 8th in the 2004 ESAA Junior Pole Vault event.

He joined Gloucester rugby union club in 2009 and made his first team debut in 2010, the first of 121 appearances in his first stint at the club. In 2013 he won the first of his 78 England caps. He then spent 3 years at Leicester Tigers making 44 appearances.

Jonny returned to Gloucester in 2020 and has made another 40 appearances. He retired from international rugby in November 2023 having become England's second highest try scorer with 36 tries.

SKELETON – SHELLEY RUDMAN

Shelley represented Wiltshire in the 1998 ESAA Senior 400 metres Hurdles but was eliminated in the heats. She switched to Skeleton racing in 2002.

In 2003, after only 3 weeks of ice-training, she qualified for the World Junior Championships and finished a remarkable 10th.

The highlight of her career came in 2006 when she won the Olympic silver medal in Turin. Before retiring she won the World Championship in 2013, the World Cup in 2011-12 and 2 European Championship titles in 2009 and 2011.