

ESAA – GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROLL OF HONOUR

The *Gloucestershire Public and Secondary Schools Games Association* was formed in September 1945.

It held annual inter-school athletic events at Lydney Grammar School, the first being on 10th June, 1946 with 19 schools taking part.

The first Gloucestershire ESAA Champion was W. Workman of Cheltenham Grammar School who won the Senior 100 yards title in 1953.

The *Bristol Schools Athletic Association* was formed in 1922 and championships were held on an annual basis. It ceased in 1948 when it was absorbed into the *Gloucestershire Schools Athletics Association*.

In 1939 the Bristol Schools Championship was held on 22nd June at the Bristol City F.C. football ground, Ashton Gate. For the first time the championship led to a team being chosen to compete at the ESAA championship a month later. The team was made up of 4 boys and 3 girls.

The only Bristol ESAA Champion was G. Britton of the Technical Building School who won two 100 yards titles, the under-14 one in 1946 and the under-16 one in 1947.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLIST

Margaret Critchley	1970 200m Bronze, 1970 4 x 100m Silver 1965 150y-3, 1966 S 100y-2, 1967 S 220y-3
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BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Margaret Critchley	1970 200m 1965 150y-3, 1966 S 100y-2, 1967 S 220y-3
Tony Staynings	1975 and 1976 3000m Steeplechase 1971 S CC-5
James Campbell	2010 Javelin Throw 2002 J JT-3, 2003 I JT-2, 2004 I JT-1, 2006 S JT-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

1958	I	DT	Christine Sleigh-Smith	2004	I	3000m	Emily Pidgeon
1959	S	LJ	Wendy Strong	2004	S	1500m	Vicky Holland
1965	J	JT	Shara Spragg	2005	J	800m	Sarah Hopkinson
1965	I	4x110y	Gloucestershire	2005	I	CC	Emily Pidgeon
1965	I	880y	Meloena Didham	2005	S	400m	Henrietta Kodilinye-Sims
1966	I	JT	Shara Spragg	2006	I	1500m	Sarah Hopkinson
1967	I	JT	Shara Spragg	2006	S	CC	Emily Pidgeon
1967	S	4x110y	Gloucestershire	2006	S	1500m	Emily Pidgeon
1968	J	HJ	Christine Bird	2007	J	200m	Jennie Batten
1968	S	JT	Shara Spragg	2007	I	HT	Kate Yhnell
1969	S	JT	Shara Spragg	2008	I	200m	Jennie Batten
1971	S	CC	Sue Barnes	2009	I	200m	Jennie Batten
1972	S	100m	Julie Jay	2010	J	SP	Annabel Sherry
1973	J	200m	Hilary Gray	2010	S	200m	Jennie Batten
1980	S	HJ	Sarah Rowe	2012	I	SP	Annabel Sherry
1981	S	HJ	Sarah Rowe	2014	S	100mH	Mollie Courtney
1992	J	800m	Hannah Curnock	2018	I	800m	Annie Testar
1995	J	100m	Libby Alder	2018	S	HEP	Natasha Smith
1995	I	1500m	Laura Hale	2019	J	CC	Kiya Dee
1995	I	300mH	Gael Davies	2019	S	800m	Annie Testar
1996	S	1500m	Ellen O'Hare	2021	S	3000m	Kaitlyn Sheppard
2002	J	CC	Emily Pidgeon	2022	S	TJ	Amy Warre
2003	J	CC	Emily Pidgeon	2023	S	100mH	Jessica Duncton
2003	J	1500m	Emily Pidgeon	2024	J	JT	Lucy Bull
2004	J	1500m	Sarah Hopkinson	2025	I	JT	Lucy Bull
2004	I	CC	Emily Pidgeon				

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ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS

1953	S	100y	W. Workman	2001	J	1500m	Alex Felce
1960	I	LJ	R. G. Stanhope	2003	S	400mH	Richard Davenport
1961	I	SP	Alan Carter	2004	I	JT	James Campbell
1962	J	JT	Nigel Sherlock	2005	J	CC	Matthew Withey
1962	S	SP	Alan Carter	2005	S	1500m	Alex Felce
1964	I	440y	David Smale	2006	S	800m	James Brewer
1967	J	80yH	Roger Hurley	2006	S	JT	James Campbell
1967	I	440y	Trevor Rodwell	2008	J	1500m	Luke Carroll
1968	I	PV	Eamonn Byrne	2008	S	HT	Alex Warner
1969	S	200m	Trevor Rodwell	2009	I	1500m	Luke Carroll
1970	J	DT	Arthur Milne	2009	I	3000m	Tom Curr
1974	J	80mH	Chris Amos	2011	I	1500m	Will Paulson
1974	J	HJ	Michael Watts	2012	J	80mH	Christopher Bell-Hartley
1987	J	JT	Lyndon Medcroft	2013	S	1500m	Will Paulson
1994	J	1500m	Ross Fittall	2017	I	TJ	Joel Townley
1994	S	TJ	Kori Stennett	2019	S	TJ	Joel Townley
1998	J	400m	Ryan Preddy	2021	J	HT	Billy Dickinson
1998	S	800m	Ross Fittall	2024	I	JT	Charlie Mason
2000	J	400m	Richard Davenport	2025	S	HT	Louis Tutcher

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SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS BOARD (SIAB)

The SIAB hold 3 annual international meetings for school athletes from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. These are *Cross Country*, *Track and Field* and *Indoor Pentathlon Internationals*. A fourth championship, an *Indoor Track and Field International* meeting, was also held from 1990 to 2000.

SIAB GIRLS WINNERS

1966	S	JT	Shara Spragg
1967	S	220y	Margaret Critchley
1967	S	JT	Shara Spragg
1972	S	100m	Julie Jay
1992	U16	i800m	Hannah Curnock
1995	I	300mH	Gael Davies
1996	U16	i60m	Libby Alder
2002	I	1500m	Vicky Holland
2007	I	HT	Kate Yhnell
2016	I	HJ	Natasha Smith
2025	I	JT	Lucy Bull

SIAB BOYS WINNERS

1961	S	440y	Roderic Smith
1961	S	SP	Alan Carter
1962	S	SP	Alan Carter
1995	U16	i1500m	Ross Fittall
2002	I	400m	Richard Davenport
2004	I	JT	James Campbell
2005	J	CC	Matthew Withey
2009	I	1500m	Luke Carroll
2009	I	3000m	Tom Curr
2009	I	CC	Tom Curr
2011	I	1500m	Will Paulson
2024	I	JT	Henry Watson

SIAB 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 a SIAB indoor meeting)

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WORLD JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLIST - BOYS

2024 Joel Masters 4 x 100m Silver

EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2009 Emily Pidgeon 5000m Bronze

EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

2005 Richard Davenport 4 x 400m Silver

2009 James Brewer 1500m Silver

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - GIRLS

1991 Lisa Armstrong 4 x 100m Silver

2005 Emily Pidgeon Cross Country Silver

2005 Emily Pidgeon 5000m Gold

2007 Emily Pidgeon 5000m Bronze

2011 Emily Batten 4 x 100m Bronze

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

2003 Peter Kellie 3000m Steeplechase Bronze

2007 James Brewer 800m Silver

2015 Alex George 5000m Gold

EUROPEAN U18 MEDALLIST - BOYS

2024 Joel Masters 100m Silver

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, Triathlon and Weightlifting.

Details follow of a Gloucestershire ESAA competitor who went on to have a successful career in another sport :

TRIATHLON - VICKY HOLLAND

Vicky represented Gloucestershire when winning the 2004 ESAA Senior 1500m Championship. She decided to take up Triathlon in 2005.

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Vicky won mixed team gold medals in the 2012 and 2014 World Triathlon Championships. In 2014 she also won her first major individual medal, the bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games as well as the mixed team gold. A mixed triathlon team is made up of 4 triathletes, 2 women and 2 men who each complete a swim, cycle and run. The relay order is fixed and is female-male-female-male.

In 2016 she became the first British woman triathlete to win an Olympic Games medal in Triathlon, the 2016 bronze. She followed this by winning the World Triathlon Series (World Championship) title in 2018.