

# ESAA – OXFORDSHIRE ROLL OF HONOUR

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The *Oxfordshire Schools' Sports Association* was formed on 5<sup>th</sup>, December 1925 at a meeting in the County Education Offices in Oxford. In 1926 the Association affiliated to the *English Schools' Athletic Association* and held its first County Championship at Witney on 17<sup>th</sup> July that year. Unfortunately the *Sports Association* ran into difficulties in 1934.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1935 a meeting was held in Oxford it was decided to reconstitute the Association as the *Oxfordshire Schools' Athletics Association* as it had been practically impossible to organise any other sports but athletics.

Before the formation of the original Association an Oxfordshire team was sent to the inaugural ESAA Championship in 1925 making them 1 of the 13 counties who participated.

1930 saw Oxfordshire claim its first ESAA Championship medal when Miss D. Evans took the silver medal in the Junior Girls 75 metres hurdles. It was 1951 before Oxfordshire had its first ESAA Champion when George Smith from the Gosford Hill Secondary Modern School in Kidlington won the Junior 880 yards title.

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLIST

Hannah England	2011 1500m Silver 2003 I 1500m-2, 2004 S 1500m-3, 2005 S 1500m-2
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## EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLISTS

Stephanie Douglas (also Buckinghamshire)	1990 4 x 100m Bronze 1983 J 200m-3, 1984 and 1985 I 80mH-2, 1986 S 100mH-3, 1987 S 100mH-2
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Hatti Dean	2010 3000m Steeplechase Silver 1995 J CC-2, 1998 I CC-3, 1999 S CC-1
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Nathan Douglas	2006 Triple Jump Silver 1999 I TJ-3, 2000 and 2001 S TJ-1
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## COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLISTS

Barbara Simmonds	1982 High Jump Bronze 1976 J HJ-1, 1977 I HJ-2, 1978 I HJ-1
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Stephanie Douglas (also Buckinghamshire)	1990 4 x 100m Silver, 1994 4 x 100m Bronze 1983 J 200m-3, 1984 and 1985 I 80mH-2, 1986 S 100mH-3, 1987 S 100mH-2
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Oluyinka Idowu	1994 Long Jump Silver 1988 I HEP-1, 1989 S LJ-3, 1989 S HEP-1, 1990 S LJ-2
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Jade O'Dowda	2022 Heptathlon Bronze 2016 I HEP-1, 2017 S HEP-1
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John FitzSimons                      1966 Javelin Throw Gold, 1970 Javelin Throw Bronze  
1960 S JT-5

## BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Barbara Simmonds                      1979 and 1982 High Jump  
1976 J HJ-1, 1977 I HJ-2, 1978 I HJ-1

Stephanie Douglas                      1990 100m, 1991 200m, 1996 100m  
(also Buckinghamshire)              1983 J 200m-3, 1984 and 1985 I 80mH-2, 1986 S 100mH-3,  
1987 S 100mH-2

Oluyinka Idowu                          1994 Long Jump  
1988 I HEP-1, 1989 S LJ-3, 1989 S HEP-1, 1990 S LJ-2

Lynn Gibson                              1998 1500m  
1987 S 800m-3

Hatti Dean                                2006 3000m Steeplechase  
1995 J CC-2, 1998 I CC-3, 1999 S CC-1

Hannah England                      2010, 2011 and, 2013 1500m  
2003 I 1500m-2, 2004 S 1500m-3, 2005 S 1500m-2

Gemma Bridge                          2020 5k Walk  
2011 S CC-36

John FitzSimons                      1964 Javelin Throw  
1960 S JT-5

Nathan Douglas                        2004, 2005, 2016 and 2018 Triple Jump  
1999 I TJ-3, 2000 and 2001 S TJ-1

*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 performance(s), 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

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*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

1976	J	DT	Amanda Franks
1976	J	HJ	Barbara Simmonds
1978	J	HJ	Elaine Hickey
1978	I	HJ	Barbara Simmonds
1979	J	200m	Jane Boggett
1980	I	HJ	Elaine Hickey
1980	I	JT	Tracey Averies
1981	I	400m	Jane Brown
1981	S	CC	Sarah Alt
1981	S	200m	Debbie Warner
1983	J	JT	Sally Painter
1988	I	HEP	Yinka Idowu
1989	S	HEP	Yinka Idowu
1990	J	LJ	Nicola Turner
1991	J	1500m	Nikki Slater
1991	I	HEP	Natasha Turner
1993	I	CC	Nikki Slater
1993	I	3000m	Nikki Slater
1994	S	CC	Nikki Slater
1995	J	DT	Amie Hill
1999	S	CC	Hatti Dean
2002	J	800m	Carolyn Plateau
2003	J	JT	Lucy Boggis
2005	I	HEP	Lucy Boggis
2005	I	100m	Tara Kafke
2005	I	JT	Lucy Boggis
2006	J	75mH	Kirsty Warland
2006	S	100mH	Lucy Boggis
2008	I	80mH	Kirsty Warland
2011	I	HJ	Cosima Berry
2011	I	HT	Emma O'Hara
2013	I	LJ	Simi Fajemisin
2013	S	HT	Emma O'Hara
2014	I	LJ	Simi Fajemisin
2014	S	DT	Amy Holder
2014	S	HT	Rebecca Keating
2015	S	HT	Rebecca Keating
2016	I	HEP	Jade O'Dowda
2017	S	HEP	Jade O'Dowda
2021	I	HEP	Eloise Hind
2021	I	LJ	Eloise Hind
2022	S	DT	Amber Jeacock West

## ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS

1951	J	880y	George Smith
1952	S	440y	William Warmington
1953	S	440y	William Warmington
1963	S	CC	Nick Barton
1977	J	80mH	C. Dawes
1982	J	DT	Matt Symonds
1983	I	DT	Matt Symonds
1984	I	DT	Matt Symonds
1985	J	DT	Chris Symonds
1985	S	DT	Matt Symonds
1988	I	SP	Richard Baker
1993	I	PV	Neil Turner
1993	S	LJ	Carl Howard
1995	J	PEN	Peter Watson
2000	S	TJ	Nathan Douglas
2001	S	TJ	Nathan Douglas
2003	J	1500m	Joshua Mulvany
2007	S	2000mST	Ed Womersley
2013	I	800m	Christian Von Eitzen
2016	S	DEC	Timothy Stephens
2016	S	400m	Ben Claridge
2022	S	1500m	Rowan Miell-Ingram
2023	J	100m	Divine IHEME
2023	I	100m	Matthew Ajayi
2023	S	JT	Charlie Evans

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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

1980	I	200m	Karen Rist
1980	I	HJ	Elaine Hickey
1980	I	JT	Tracey Averies
1987	I	400m	Joanne Abraham
1990	I	DT	Sarah Symonds
1990	U16	iLJ	Nicola Turner
1991	J	CC	Nikki Slater
1993	I	3000m	Nikki Slater
1993	I	CC	Katherine Henville
1998	I	CC	Hatti Dean
2001	I	TJ	Rachel Brenton
2008	I	80mH	Kirsty Warland
2013	I	LJ	Simi Fajemisin
2016	O16	iPEN	Jade O'Dowda
2021	I	LJ	Eloise Hind

### SIAB BOYS WINNERS

1984	I	DT	Matt Symonds
2013	I	800m	Christian von Eitzen
2023	I	100m	Matthew Ajayi

SIAB 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), Over-16 (O16) and Under-18 (U18))

*eeee* Event (preceded by an 'i' indicates at a SIAB indoor meeting)

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## EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - GIRLS

1979	Barbara Simmonds	High Jump Bronze
1991	Yinka Idowu	Long Jump Gold

## EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLIST - BOYS

1993	Carl Howard	Long Jump Gold
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## MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE

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, Triathlon and Weightlifting.

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

### RUGBY UNION – NIGEL STARMER-SMITH

Nigel represented Oxfordshire in the 1960 ESAA Intermediate 880 yards and in the 1961 ESAA Intermediate 440 yards. Although born in Cheltenham, he was educated at Magdalen College School, Oxford before going on to Oxford University where he won a Rugby Blue.

After leaving university Nigel joined Harlequins RFC and, in 1969, gained the first of his 7 England caps. The last of his England caps came in 1971.

He retired from rugby in 1976 before embarking on a long career as a rugby TV presenter and commentator on BBC and ITV.