

ESAA – NORTH YORKSHIRE ROLL OF HONOUR

The implementation of the 1972 Local Government Act on April 1st, 1974 resulted in the creation of the non-metropolitan county of North Yorkshire. It was formed mainly from the North Riding of Yorkshire except for 2 small parts going to Cleveland and Durham; the northern part of the West Riding (including Harrogate, Knaresborough and Selby); and the northern part of the East Riding (including Filey).

North Yorkshire Schools Athletic Association was formed in 1974 to organise and supervise athletics in the new county.

The association had almost immediate success with Gillian Smith winning the Senior 100 metres hurdles silver medal at the 1975 ESAA Track and Field Championship. Its first ESAA champion was David Parish in the Intermediate 1500 metres steeplechase at the 1977 ESAA Track and Field Championship.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLISTS

Richard Buck 2012 4 x 400m Silver
2003 I 400m-1, 2005 S 400m-1

George Mills 2024 5000m Silver
2015 I 800m-1

Richard Buck (2010 4 x 400m Silver) ran in the heat but not in the final.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLISTS

Jessica Taylor 2014 Heptathlon Bronze
2006 S HEP-6

Scott Lincoln 2022 Shot Put Bronze
(also Durham) 2011 S SP-3

BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Jessica Taylor 2016 Heptathlon
2006 S HEP-6

Scott Lincoln 2015-25 Shot Put
(also Durham) 2011 S SP-3

James Finney 2017 Decathlon
2012 I HJ-9

Marc Scott 2018, 2020 and 2022 5000m, 2021 10000m
2012 S CC-7

Andrew Morgan-Harrison 2020 200m
2016 S 100m-7

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George Mills	2020 1500m 2015 I 800m-1
Jacob Fincham-Dukes	2023 and 2024 Long Jump 2012 I LJ-3, 2013 I LJ-2, 2014 S LJ-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)

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

1980	I	100m	Karen Barraclough
1985	J	75mH	Rachel Halstead-Peel
1985	S	200m	Louise Stuart
1990	S	CC	Andrea Duke
1991	S	CC	Andrea Duke
1991	S	3000m	Andrea Duke
1992	J	CC	Donna Riddler
1993	J	800m	Rachael Ogden
1994	I	800m	Rachael Ogden
1995	I	800m	Rachael Ogden
1995	S	DT	Rachel Hopgood
2011	J	CC	Bronwen Owen
2012	I	3000m	Bronwen Owen
2015	J	3k Walk	Pagen Spooner
2016	I	LJ	Lucy Hadaway
2016	S	800m	Millie Howard
2019	J	JT	Jess Thompson
2026	J	CC	Mia McGoldrick

ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS

1977	I	1500mST	David Parish
1978	I	DT	Francis O'Donnell
1978	S	800m	Ibrian Warsama
1986	I	100mH	James Wright
1991	I	1500m	Peter Robertshaw
1991	I	800m	Andrew Parker
1994	S	800m	Andrew Parker
1994	S	JT	Graham Lay
1995	I	JT	David Parker
1995	S	3000m	Andrew Atkinson
1996	I	JT	David Parker
1997	S	JT	David Parker
1998	S	JT	David Parker
2003	I	400m	Richard Buck
2005	S	400m	Richard Buck
2011	J	80mH	Ben Buckley
2012	I	200m	Thomas Somers
2012	I	400m	Nicholas Petrou
2014	S	LJ	Jacob Fincham-Dukes
2015	I	800m	George Mills
2015	S	200m	Ryan Gorman
2015	S	JT	George Davies
2016	I	800m	Alex Botterill
2017	J	1500m	Ethan Hussey
2018	I	1500m	Ethan Hussey
2019	I	1500m	Ethan Hussey
2021	S	3000m	Joseph O'Brien
2023	S	CC	George Couttie
2024	J	300m	Simon Bordewich
2025	I	400m	Rowan Whittaker

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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 (A)	100m	Karen Barraclough
1992	J	CC	Louise Ireland
1995	I	800m	Rachael Ogden
2011	J	CC	Bronwen Owen
2013	I	CC	Bronwen Owen
2016	I	LJ	Lucy Hadaway

SIAB BOYS WINNERS

1977	I	1500mST	David Parish
1986	I	100mH	James Wright
1991	I	1500m	Peter Robertshaw
1995	I	JT	David Parker
1996	I	JT	David Parker
2003	I	400m	Richard Buck
2012	I	200m	Thomas Somers
2012	I	400m	Nicholas Petrou
2014	I	JT	George Davies
2016	I	800m	Alex Botterill
2019	I	1500m	Ethan Hussey
2024	I	400m	Rowan Whittaker
2025	I	400m	Rowan Whittaker

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).

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 INDOOR MEDALLISTS

2010	Richard Buck	4 x 400m Silver
2012	Richard Buck	4 x 400m Bronze
2022	Marc Scott	3000m Bronze

WORLD JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

1998	David Parker	Javelin Throw Gold
2022	Ethan Hussey	800m Bronze

EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2021	Lucy Hadaway	Long Jump Bronze
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EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

2023	Ethan Hussey	800m Silver
2024	George Couttie	Cross Country Silver

Thomas Somers (2017 4 x 400m Gold) ran in the relay heat but not in the final.

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

1985	Louise Stuart	200m Silver and 4 x 100m Bronze
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EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

1989	Steven Gookey	4 x 100m Silver
1999	David Parker	Javelin Throw Silver
2005	Richard Buck	4 x 400m Gold
2015	Jacob Fincham-Dukes	Long Jump Silver

EUROPEAN YOUTH / U18 MEDALLIST - BOYS

2016	George Mills	800m 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 a North Yorkshire ESAA competitor who has gone on to have a successful career in another sport :

TRIATHLON - SAM DICKINSON

Sam represented North Yorkshire when finishing 3rd in the 2015 ESAA Senior Cross Country.

In 2022 he was a member of the Great Britain World Triathlon Sprint Mixed Relay team which won the silver medal. Incidentally the team was made up solely of former ESAA competitors, namely Georgia Taylor-Brown, Sophie Coldwell, Alex Yee and Sam.

Later in the year the same team represented England when winning the Commonwealth Games Triathlon Mixed Relay.

At the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris he won a bronze medal as a member of the Great Britain Triathlon Mixed Relay team.