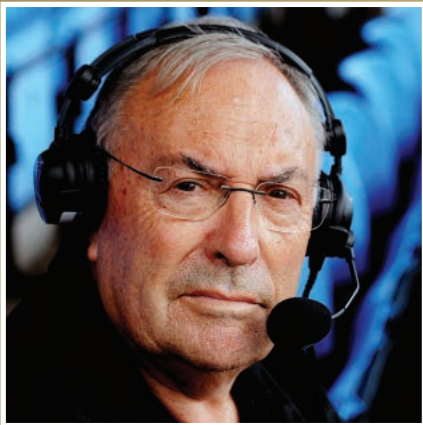


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INTRODUCTION

The night of the England Athletics Hall of Fame and National Volunteer Awards serves as a tremendous reminder of what a great sport we have.

The awards given out to those who are currently making such outstanding contributions to the sport demonstrate how we are fortunate to have such people who bring their enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to their roles. In addition to those honoured this evening there are many others in communities across the country who I know make invaluable contributions to athletics and running, and our sport is hugely fortunate to have them.

As we see the inductions into the Hall of Fame we are reminded of the rich heritage that athletics has to draw upon. As we read or hear of the achievements of those athletes and contributors to the sport we can once again take inspiration from them.

Reading through the biographies we are given tremendous examples of dedication and tenacity, and, while there is no denying the talent of those being inducted, we see the way that they each applied themselves to excelling and making the most of their abilities. This would not be possible without the support of those, such as coaches, who fulfil such important roles in supporting athletes as they progress and rise through the ranks to achieve at the highest level.

I trust that you will share in that sense of inspiration and encouragement of this year's Hall of Fame inductees and in being reminded of those inducted in previous years.

Thank you for your contribution to the sport and I wish you every success and enjoyment in the future.




Prof Myra Nimmo
Chairman
England Athletics



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Ralph Brown won the AAA 440 yards hurdles title in 1934; his sister Audrey a silver medal in the 1936 Olympic 4x100m relay; but the shining star of this remarkable family was their younger sibling Godfrey. A wonderfully versatile runner, his greatest year was 1936 when the Cambridge undergraduate found success at distances from 100 yards, clocking 9.7 which would have equalled Eric Liddell's British record had the Fenners track at Cambridge not been slightly downhill, through to the half mile at which he won the Midland title.

His form at the Berlin Olympics became apparent when in his semi-final he ran 47.3 to break the British record set by Liddell when winning the 1924 Olympic title. The final was held the same day and, with less than 150m to go, the American favourite Archie Williams was two or three metres ahead. Brown strove valiantly to overcome the deficit and all along the finishing straight he was edging closer ... but his mighty efforts were to result in glorious failure. At the tape Williams was still ahead: by seven inches to be precise! The photo finish timing credited Williams with 46.66 and Brown 46.68. It was a European record, and as a British best it survived until 1958.

The American gold and bronze medallists were omitted from the USA squad for the 4x400m relay. Even so, based on personal bests, there was a difference of close to 20 metres between the teams. Fortunately athletics results are not based on mathematical calculations.

Britain's weak link was Freddie Wolff on the first leg but he did well, for although he ran 49.2 what mattered was that he finished merely 3 or 4 metres down on his American rival. The situation was tailor-made for Godfrey Rampling (father of acclaimed film actress Charlotte Rampling), a man always at his best in relays, and with a split of 46.7 he swept Britain into a 3m lead. There was no stopping them now. Bill Roberts, who had missed the bronze medal in the 400m by just 3/100ths, clocked 46.4 to add another 2m and Brown (46.7 anchor) drew right away to win by 15m in 3:09.0, the second fastest time ever and a European record. One week later, at the White City for the British Empire v USA match, Brown came from some way behind to anchor his team to victory with a 440 yards leg timed at a spectacular 45.9 (that's 45.6 for 400m).

Brown's successes in 1937 included an exceptional clocking of 19.2 for 200 yards (worth close to 21 seconds for 220 yards) amid the slush and snow of Fenner's in February and a barnstorming American tour during which he set a British half mile record of 1:52.2. In 1938 he went through the entire season undefeated and was the world's number one at 400m, scoring a runaway win in the European Championships where he also picked up medals in both relays.

A teacher by profession, he was headmaster of Worcester Royal Grammar School from 1950 until his retirement in 1978. He died in 1995, aged 79.



GODFREY BROWN

Born: 21.2.1915, Bankura (India); died 4.2.1995

Clubs: Achilles Club; Birchfield Harriers

Major medals:

Gold – 1936 Olympic 4x400m; 1938 European 400m;

Silver – 1936 Olympic 400m; 1938 European 4x400m;

Bronze – 1938 European 4x100m

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2017



MARK SHEARMAN

MAURICE HERRIOTT

Born: 8.10.1939, Great Wyrley (Staffordshire)

Club: Sparkhill Harriers (Birmingham)

Major medals:

Silver – 1962 Commonwealth Games; 1964 Olympics

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2017

The year after Chris Brasher unexpectedly became Olympic steeplechase champion and promptly retired, 17-year-old Maurice Herriott began to make his mark. Encouraged by his coach Tom Heeley to try the steeplechase, he found instant success by winning the 1957 AAA Junior mile steeplechase. The following year he set an unofficial world junior record for the 3000m steeplechase of 8:59.2.

In 1959, still only 19, he became senior AAA champion and earned a place in the British team. He missed out on the 1960 Olympics but in 1961 he won in matches against West Germany, Poland and France. His best time of 8:42.0 ranked him close second to Brasher on the UK all-time list.

In 1962 he qualified for the final at the European Championships but a knee injury forced him to withdraw. All was not lost because in November he travelled to Perth, Western Australia, for the Commonwealth Games and came away with the silver medal.

His major breakthrough came in 1963. He broke the British record four times, starting with 8:40.4 when winning against the USA and continuing with wins against Sweden in a barrier-breaking 8:36.6 and against Russia in that famous British team victory in Volgograd in 8:36.2. Three days later, in Budapest, he improved again to 8:35.4, although narrowly beaten. He ranked fifth in the world that year and was beginning to be considered a prospective medallist at the 1964 Olympics.

The Games in Tokyo proved stunningly successful for Britain with victories by Lynn Davies, Ken Matthews, Mary Rand and Ann Packer. No fewer than eight other medals were gained, including a silver for Herriott. Considering he was ranked seventh on times in 1964 with 8:38.0, Belgium's Gaston Roelants topping the list with 8:31.8, he excelled himself. He won his heat in the British record time of 8:33.0, which also stood briefly as an Olympic record, and in the final he ran even faster – a lifetime best of 8:32.4.

In his capacity as a newspaper reporter, Brasher was critical of Herriott for allowing Roelants to build up a huge lead, close to 50 metres at the bell, before finishing so fast that at the end he was only ten metres down. However, the overwhelming view was Herriott performed brilliantly to finish second in his fastest ever time in the biggest race of his life. Had he tried to stay with Roelants it could have ended in disaster, as with France's Guy Texereau who went from a close second at 2000m to a distant sixth at the finish.

Herriott was a motor cycle fitter who fitted his three training sessions a day in while working 45 hour weeks on the BSA production line, was technically superb in his clearance of hurdles and water jump. Consistency personified, he came close to his UK record in 1966 (8:32.8) and 1967 (8:33.0). One record that has remained intact, and may for eternity, is his collection of eight AAA steeplechase titles between 1959 and 1967. He retired following the 1968 Olympics and has for many years lived on the Isle of Man.

Carlton Johnson's contribution to coaching has been profound and varied. He personally guided some 35 athletes to international standard, including an all-time great of athletics, he was for many years a national coach, UK director of coach and teacher education and Olympic team coach, not to mention authoring such valuable books as *Beginning Athletics – What To Teach & Coach* and tireless work for the Loughborough Summer School.

Loughborough played an important role in his career. He studied there between 1956 and 1959, during which time he represented the college at rugby and basketball. He was a decent runner in his schooldays, finishing tenth in his age group at the 1952 North East Counties cross country.

He left Loughborough with a PE Diploma (Hons) and during his time as PE master at Tynemouth Grammar Technical School developed a national reputation as a coach of hammer throwing. His first major success was Paul Dickenson, who was English Schools champion five years running from 1964 when he was 14, and would develop into an Olympic representative and British record holder. Johnson coached over a wide range of events and in 1968 his pupils took 27 places out of 50 in the Northumberland team for the English Schools Championships. That annual meeting was particularly close to his heart as he served on the executive committee of the English Schools AA from 1965 to 1975.

He was appointed National Coach for the North of England in 1970 but continued his "Hammer School". One of his most treasured moments was when Bruce Fraser finished second at that year's Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. Even better was British record holder Ian Chipchase's gold medal at the 1974 Games in Christchurch. Another of his successes was Scottish discus thrower Meg Ritchie, the 1982 Commonwealth Games champion and UK record holder since 1977.

But Johnson will forever be linked with Jonathan Edwards, who was a physics student at Durham University and had a triple jump best of 16.05m when Johnson began advising him in the autumn of 1986. Progress was steady but unspectacular: 16.35m in 1987, 16.74m in 1988. The breakthrough into world class came in 1989 when Edwards jumped 17.28m, improving to 17.43m in 1991, but he suffered a disappointment at the 1992 Olympics when he failed to qualify for the final. The dejected athlete needed support and Johnson made sure he was there to supply it, to Edwards' gratitude.

Edwards experienced another setback in 1994 when diagnosed with the Epstein Barr virus and was ordered to rest. When he recovered his health early in 1995, Edwards felt he needed to make some fundamental changes. Edwards revolutionised the event by jumping a world record 18.29m with Johnson saying he was 95% responsible for the athlete Edwards became. He was named British Coach of the Year in 1995.



CARL JOHNSON

Born: 9.7.1936, North Shields (Tyne and Wear)

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2017



DEREK JOHNSON

Born: 5.1.1933, Chigwell (Essex); died 30.8.2004

Club: Woodford Green AC

Major medals:

Gold – 1954 Commonwealth 880 yards & 4x440 yards;

Silver – 1956 Olympic 800m, 1958 Commonwealth 4x440 yards; **Bronze** – 1956 Olympic 4x400m

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2017



Derek Johnson was a brilliant junior who always seemed bound for greatness. Aged 17 in 1950 he won the AAA junior 440 yards in a time ranking him fourth that year among British seniors. Following National Service in the Army, he began medical studies at Oxford and in 1954 the former boy wonder, whom many had already written off as 'burned out', emerged to become the most exciting half-mile star for many years. He won the Commonwealth Games 880 yards in Vancouver and, at the European Championships in Berne, he broke Sydney Wooderson's British and former world 800m record by a full second with a magnificent 1:47.4. Yet such was the standard of that race that, in spite of finishing within two metres of the winner, his meagre reward was fourth place.

Johnson, whose versatility on the track was unique in British athletics, once explained his fondness for the half mile: "I believe it requires all the virtues of the other flat track events – technique, speed, strength and simple decisive tactical ability – plus an unpredictable element of luck, which gives it added spice."

The 1956 800m final in Melbourne was one of the most thrilling in Olympic annals. Tom Courtney and Arnie Sowell entered the finishing straight level, with Johnson boxed in behind in fourth place. Suddenly, with 70m to go, a gap appeared between the two Americans ... and, quick as a flash, Johnson darted through into the lead! Sowell could not hold the pace, so it was left to the 6ft 2in, 180 pound Courtney to fight it out with the 5ft 9 1/2in, 146 pound Englishman. There was absolutely nothing between them until the last ten metres, when Courtney's superior strength made itself felt. He snapped the tape first in 1:47.7 while Johnson was timed in 1:47.8.

In 1957 he lowered his British 800m record first to 1:46.9 and subsequently to 1:46.6, a time which prior to 1955 would have equalled the world record. He moved up in distance in 1959, to top the UK 1500m rankings with 3:42.9, but shortly afterwards a near-fatal case of tuberculosis forced him to quit athletics competition. The will was still there, though, and after an absence of nearly four years he made a touching and inspiring comeback in 1963, culminating in the remarkable 800m time of 1:50.0. As Mel Watman wrote in *Athletics Weekly*: "Even if he never runs another race, Derek Johnson has proved when it comes to sheer guts there is not an athlete to surpass him."

He recorded such diverse marks as 10 flat for 100 yards, 45.9 for a 440 yards relay leg, 4:05.0 for the mile, 9:16.8 for the steeplechase and 53.7 for 440 yards hurdles. At the age of 50 he even ran 2:55 in the London Marathon.

He also contributed to athletics off the track as one of the founders of the influential International Athletes' Club, and was for a time the secretary of the AAA. In his last years he bravely battled against leukaemia, eventually succumbing at the age of 71.

Formerly a promising full back (he turned down a professional football offer from Rotherham United when he was 17), Arthur Rowe handled a shot for the first time ever while waiting to bat in a cricket match. With his pads on he managed to heave the junior implement over 13 metres, which wasn't bad for someone with no idea of technique. Soon after winning the Yorkshire junior title in 1955 he met chief national coach Geoff Dyson who told him "you can be Europe's first 60-foot (18.29m) shot putter."

Rowe, a fine natural athlete who could run 100 yards in 10.2, worked hard on his strength and technique, and progress came swiftly. He set his first British record of 16.94m in 1957 and by the following year the colliery blacksmith was ready to take on the world. He set seven UK records in 1958, including 17.57m when winning at the Commonwealth Games in Cardiff and 17.78m to take the European title in Stockholm. His best was 17.96m and only four Americans stood ahead of him on that year's world list.

An Italian beat him to become Europe's first 60 footer, but in 1959 he became European record holder with 18.59m. Judging by a mighty exhibition toss of 19.66m in June 1960 and a new UK record of 18.92m just before the Olympics, Rowe seemed assured of fourth place at the worst behind a mighty American trio, but the Rome Games proved a monumental disappointment for him, as for several other prominent members of the British team. He reached 19.19m in training the day after arriving in Rome but during the succeeding days he said he was weakened by a combination of dysentery and lack of appetite brought on by the considerable heat and humidity. Ten pounds lighter than when he arrived, he could muster only 16.68m in the qualifying round and was eliminated.

So dejected was he that he considered retiring there and then, but on reflection he decided to continue, determined to establish himself as the world's number one. Soon after returning from Rome he improved his European record to 19.11m, a distance which would have won the Olympic silver medal.

He carried all before him in 1961; undefeated all season he improved to 19.56m, ranking him third on the world all-time list. He was now truly among the shot putting greats and, especially after a fantastic training put of 20.15m, there was a distinct possibility that in 1962 he could break the world record of 20.06m as well as retaining his Commonwealth and European titles. Unhappily, none of those prizes came his way for in July 1962 – still only 24 – he signed professional Rugby League forms for Oldham. It was a decision he was to regret, for his new career lasted only a few weeks. He continued to compete on the Scottish Highland Games circuit for many years but winning the world caber-tossing title in 1970 hardly compared to the honours he might have accrued had he retained his amateur status. He died aged 66.



ARTHUR ROWE

Born: 17.8.1937, Barnsley (Yorkshire); died 13.9.2003

Club: Doncaster Plant Works AC

Major medals:

Gold – 1958 Commonwealth & European

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2017



MARK SHEARMAN

WENDY SLY

Born: 5.11.1959, Hampton (Middlesex)

Club: Borough of Hounslow AC

Major medals:

Gold – 1983 World road 10km; **Silver** – 1982 Commonwealth 3000m; 1984 Olympic 3000m; **Bronze** – 1988 European Indoor 3000m

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2017

Amid the hype surrounding the Zola Budd v Mary Decker clash in the 1984 Olympic 3000m final, the brilliant performance by Wendy Sly in winning the silver medal was shamefully overlooked. It was the highlight of a long but injury-hampered career which featured a world title and British records.

The former Wendy Smith joined Feltham AC (later Borough of Hounslow AC) aged 11. She started as a sprinter and long jumper, but quickly turned to cross country and the middle distances. It was in 1977 that she won her first national title, the Intermediate Girls cross country. That summer she won the 1500m in her debut for the British junior team and in 1978 set a UK age-18 best of 4:13.40.

The Loughborough graduate won the 1981 National cross country title and later that year became the first female British athlete to take to the American road circuit. Over eight months she won several races and it was the making of her as a world class runner. Highlights of her 1982 season included the Commonwealth 3000m record of 8:46.01 and silver in the Brisbane Commonwealth Games.

Now competing as Wendy Sly, she enjoyed a momentous 1983. Following another successful American tour, during which she became the first to beat her idol, Grete Waitz, in an American road race and moved to second on the world all-time list with a 31:29 10km, she performed at the first ever World Championships in Helsinki. She placed fifth in both the 3000m, smashing the Commonwealth record with 8:37.06, and the 1500m with another lifetime best of 4:04.14. She then won New York's Fifth Avenue Mile in 4:22.66 and in San Diego in December won the IAAF's inaugural World 10km Road Championship despite not having fully recovered from bronchitis.

Her preparations for the Los Angeles Olympics were hindered by an ankle injury in the spring. She recovered but was in bed with flu at the time of the Olympic Trials. Fortunately, the selectors had faith in her, which she repaid by finishing second in 8:39.47 to Romania's Maricica Puica after leading at the bell becoming the first British woman to win an Olympic medal at a distance longer than 800m.

Wendy never rose to those heights again on the track as she battled one injury after another, but in 1988 – now coached by Peter Coe (previously by Neville Taylor) – she took 3000m bronze at the European Indoor Championships and placed seventh, close to her personal best with 8:37.70, in the Seoul Olympics. At 10,000m (31:53.36) she ranked second on the UK all-time list.

In 1990 Wendy joined the staff of *Athletics Today* magazine as events & classified sales executive, later becoming publishing manager. She was awarded the MBE in 2015 for her services to athletics. In addition to her racing career, she has served as Great Britain cross country team manager and an England Athletics board member. Later that year she was appointed managing director of Great Run Publishing, whose titles include *Athletics Weekly*.

Stuart Storey has, made his mark on our sport in three separate fields: as an Olympic competitor, as a coach to one of Britain's most celebrated athletes, and as the longest serving television athletics commentator.

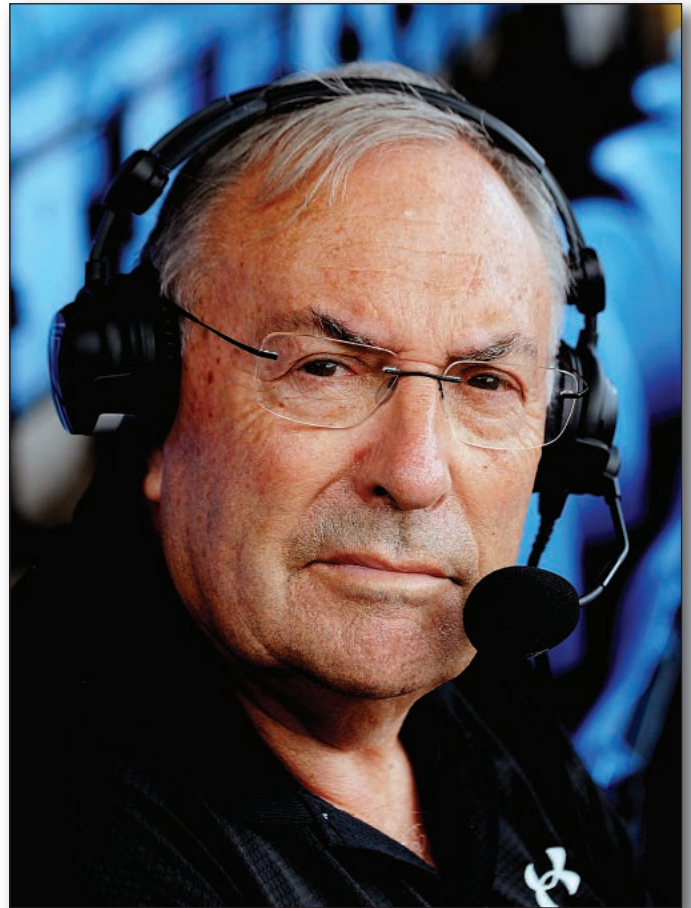
Two legendary BBC television commentators have already been inducted into the England Athletics Hall of Fame, David Coleman in 2008 and Ron Pickering in 2009, and now it's the turn of their former colleague. Storey was a member of the BBC commentary team from 1973 until after the 2008 Olympics, except for a spell when he worked for Eurosport, and now as a freelance he is still broadcasting.

His serious involvement with athletics started at Spalding Grammar School in 1958 and such was his precocious talent as a sprint hurdler that the following year, aged 16, he became English Schools Intermediate champion. Two years later he won the English Schools Senior title.

He trained hard at Loughborough College, while qualifying as a teacher, then in 1967 he made his breakthrough at 110m hurdles, improving his best time from 14.7 to 14.1 to rank equal fourth on the UK all-time list and partnering Alan Pascoe in several international matches. In 1968 he made the Olympic team, equalling his personal best of 14.1 in his heat in Mexico City, and clocked a British record of 23.7 for 200m hurdles. He ran 14.1 again in 1969, competed in that year's European Championships and the 1970 Commonwealth Games, and retired from racing following the 1971 season. Long before he became a familiar voice and face on television, Storey began coaching one of the most recognisable figures in the sport. Geoff Capes was only 15 when local Lincolnshire athletics star Storey began to instruct him in the art of shot putting. Incredibly, already over 6ft 5in tall and weighing over 16 stones, Capes was the smallest of five brothers! It became a close and successful partnership with Capes regarding Storey, who was only seven years older than himself, as a father figure, motivator and inspiration as well as a coach. Capes became a two-time European Indoor and Commonwealth Games champion, and a household name.

Storey's first Olympics as a commentator was in Montreal in 1976, where Britain's only medal came in the 10,000m where Brendan Foster, later a BBC colleague, finished third. He would go on to broadcast at all subsequent Olympic celebrations as well as at numerous World and European Championships and Commonwealth Games. These days, well into his fifth decade as a professional broadcaster, his activities include coverage of the IAAF Diamond League meetings.

His 'day job', once he had hung up his spikes, was Director of Physical Education at Thames Polytechnic, which is now part of the University of Greenwich. He held that post for 16 years until 1989 and in 2008 he was awarded an honorary degree by the university in a ceremony at Rochester Cathedral. He has an eight-lane synthetic track named after him at Wodson Park Sports and Leisure Centre near his home in Ware, Hertfordshire.



MARK SHEARMAN

STUART STOREY

Born: 16.9.1942, Louth (Lincolnshire)

Clubs: Birchfield Harriers; Holbeach AC

Inducted into Hall of Fame: 2017

ATHENS MEN'S 4x100m RELAY TEAM

JASON GARDENER

Born: 18.9.1975, Bath

Club: Wessex & Bath AC

100m PB: 9.98 (1999)

DARREN CAMPBELL

Born: 12.9.1973, Manchester

Club: Sale Harriers

100m PB: 10.04 (1998)

MARLON DEVONISH

Born: 1.6.1976, Coventry

Club: Coventry Godiva Harriers

100m PB: 10.13 (1998); improved to 10.06 (2007)

MARK LEWIS-FRANCIS

Born: 4.9.1982, Birmingham

Club: Birchfield Harriers

100m PB: 10.04 (2002)

The year is 1912. The Titanic, on her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York, strikes an iceberg and sinks ... Herbert Asquith is Prime Minister ... The Great War is two years away ... the world record for 1500m stands at 3:55.8 and no man has ever jumped higher than two metres. That was the year when Britain won the inaugural Olympic 4x100m relay in 42.4. Ninety two years would pass before Britain would recapture that title.

During that period British teams finished second on three occasions and third twice but traditionally this event was an American preserve with no fewer than 15 Olympic victories. And at the Athens Olympics of 2004 almost everyone assumed that would become 16 wins considering that in their heat the USA ran 38.02, over five metres clear of Britain and, for the final, Olympic 100m champion Justin Gatlin (with a best 100m time of 9.85) would replace Darvis Patton on the second leg and join Olympic 200m champion Shawn Crawford (pb of 9.88), Coby Miller (9.98) and Maurice Greene (world record holder at 9.79) in a team fully capable of breaking the world record of 37.40.

Well, life is full of surprises. While the American "dream team" suffered a calamitous exchange between Gatlin and Miller, the British runners – none of whom had made the 100m final – were making splendid progress. Jason Gardener (28), Darren Campbell (30) and Marlon Devonish (28) succeeded in handing the stick to Mark Lewis-Francis (21) two metres ahead of the USA and Nigeria and even a storming anchor by Maurice Greene proved insufficient ... just. Lewis-Francis held on for a stunning victory by 0.01 in 38.07, maintaining "I was running confident more than scared." It was a glorious victory and a relief too because until this race on the final evening of the Games there had been the possibility that for the first time in Olympic athletics history not a single medal would be won by a member of the British men's team.

A euphoric Gardener commented after the race: "It's a fantastic feeling, a dream come true. We've been working together for years." Campbell added: "We really believed as a team we could do it. When it comes to flat speed the Americans are totally amazing, so the only way we can take them out is with our baton skills." Those skills were honed during a multitude of training sessions which featured also the other squad members, Christian Malcolm, Chris Lambert, Nick Smith and Dwayne Grant, all of whom played an important role even though they didn't get to race in the Athens relay.

The unsung hero behind this momentous triumph was relay team coach Steve Perks, himself once a decent sprinter and who was head coach to the Welsh Commonwealth Games team in 1994. He was

in charge of the senior British relay squad for six years and his massive contribution to the Olympic victory was recognised by being inducted later in 2004 into the Coaching Hall of Fame. That wasn't his only

success because, during his time as sprint relay coach, his teams also won gold medals at the European Championships and silver medals at the World Championships.



*The British Men's 4x100m Relay team celebrate their victory at the 2004 Athens Olympics
Left to right: Mark Lewis-Francis, Marlon Devonish, Darren Campbell and Jason Gardener*



Mark Lewis-Francis bringing home the baton to seal the victory at Athens.



The quartet re-united, and still victorious, at the 'Golden Relay' at the England Athletics 2017 Manchester International.

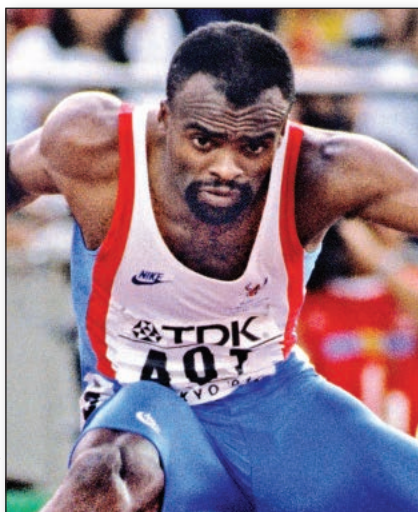
PREVIOUS INDUCTEES



HAROLD ABRAHAMS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

Immortalised in Chariots of Fire as Europe and England's first Olympic 100m champion he was also an athletics journalist, historian and statistician, radio commentator, leading administrator and official. He was an influential member of the IAAF, co-founder of the Association of Track & Field Statisticians and first president of its British offshoot, the NUTS.



MARK SHEARMAN

KRISS AKABUSI

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016

Always on top form for the big occasion Akabusi took World Championships bronze in 1991 and Olympic silver in 1992 – both in British records. There were Commonwealth (1986 & 1990) and European (1990) gold to go with many 4x400m medals, including the incredible 1991 Tokyo World Championships gold secured as he overhauled world 400m champion Antonio Pettigrew for a historic British win.



MARK SHEARMAN

JOAN ALLISON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

One of Britain's best middle distance runners. She contested the 1968 and 1972 Olympics and claimed Commonwealth silver at 1500m in 1970 and 1974. In 1973 came a 4:36.2 British mile record. Then came successes of a different kind. Joan was British women's team manager at the 1990 Europeans and 1991 World Championships. In 1992 she was promoted to manage the entire British athletics Olympic team, an historic breakthrough.

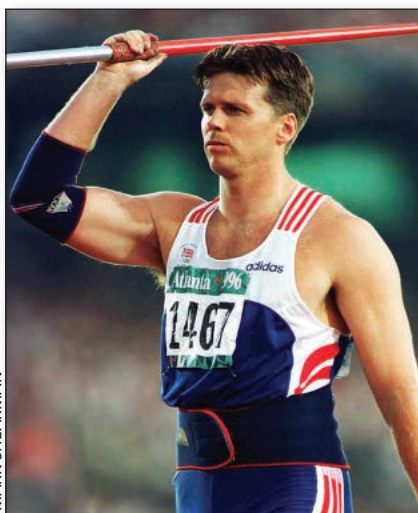


MARK SHEARMAN

MALCOLM ARNOLD

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

A distinguished coaching career has seen him guide five athletes to becoming Olympic or world champion. Appointed Welsh National Coach in 1974, a position he held for 20 years. He has served as British Athletics Head Coach, UK Athletics Performance Director, UKA Senior Performance Coach and National Event Coach for Hurdles.

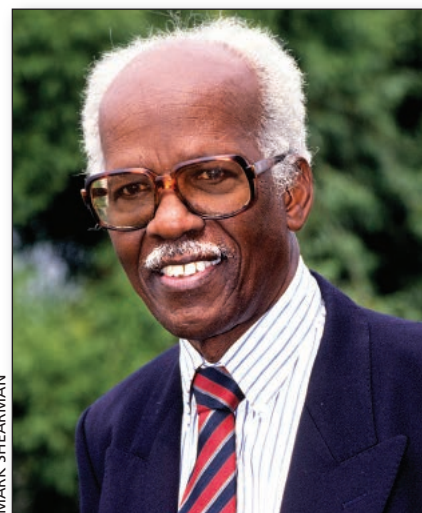


MARK SHEARMAN

STEVE BACKLEY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

The first British male to set a field event world record and his medal haul was awesome. 1987 European junior champion, a world junior record of 79.50 in 1988. Won three Commonwealth titles, four European championships. He unleashed a world record throw of 89.58, and reclaimed the record from Jan Zelezny with 90.98. The first Briton to obtain an Olympic medal in three Games.



MARK SHEARMAN

MCDONALD BAILEY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

If any sprinter personified 'poetry in motion' it was 'Mac' Bailey. In 1946 he clocked a breathtaking 10.3 100m in Sweden – just a 0.1sec outside the world record first set by Jesse Owens. His share of the world record duly came with 10.2 in 1951. 'Mac' was third at the 1952 Olympics just 4/100ths behind the winner – the only medallist who did not lunge for the line. Bailey wound up his long career in 1953, shortly after gaining an incredible seventh AAA sprint double.

MARK SHEARMAN



BUD BALDARO

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016

Bud Baldaro has coached more than 50 international athletes, plus hundreds of others, in addition to mentoring and supporting countless other coaches. His charges have included 1992 Olympian Lisa York, Chicago winner Marian Sutton, 8:18 steeplechaser Eddie Wedderburn, four-time UK champion Luke Gunn, former British record holder Hatti Archer (née Dean) and Hannah England, silver medallist at 1500m in the 2011 World Championships.

MARK SHEARMAN



SIR ROGER BANNISTER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

For many people the most historic moment in sport is when Sir Roger ran 3:59.4 to clock the first ever 4min mile at Iffley Road Track, Oxford, in May 1954. But it was not only the clock he could conquer. He went head-to-head with arch-rival and fellow sub-4 runner John Landy in the Empire Games and won in 3:58.8 to 3:59.6; the first time two men broke 4min in the same race.

MARK SHEARMAN



LILLIAN BOARD

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

In 1968 Board was edged out of Olympic gold at 400 by 0.09sec by France's Colette Besson. Aged just 19 she'd run 52.12 to break Ann Packer's UK record and lie fourth on the world all-time list. In 1969 came two stunning golds at the European Championships. A majestic championship record of 2:01.4 at 800 was followed by a thrilling 4x400m relay when she overhauled Besson to anchor Britain to a world record 3:30.8. Board tragically died of cancer the following year having barely begun to fulfil her incredible talent.

MARK SHEARMAN



ROGER BLACK

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

In 1986 Black won the Commonwealth 400m title in Edinburgh and European Championships gold with 44.59 to better Derek Redmond's UK record. Despite an injury peppered career at the 1991 Tokyo World Championships he clocked 44.62 for the silver medal, and ran the first leg as Britain bettered the Americans in a memorable 4 x 400m. In 1996 he regained the UK record with 44.39 and then 44.37 before taking another Olympic silver.

MARK SHEARMAN



CHRIS BRASHER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

An incredibly diverse contributor to athletics. He was a pacemaker when Sir Roger Bannister ran the first sub 4min mile, Olympic gold medallist in the 1956 Olympic steeplechase, the founding father of English Orienteering, an award winning journalist, inventor of the Brasher boot, founder of the sportswear company that is now Sweatshop and provided a lasting legacy as co-founder of the London Marathon.

MARK SHEARMAN



GEORGE BUNNER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

George Bunner is creator of Sportshall, which since 1976 has seen thousands of youngsters, including many future stars, given a first taste of athletics. The former AAA Junior 880 yards champion is a leading authority on children's athletics. Among his initiatives are the AAA Tom Pink Relays, World Marathon Challenge and, recently, the Med Ball Challenge, to introduce throws events to children.



LORD BURGHEY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

Lord Burghley won Olympic gold. He held British records at 120, 220 and 440 yard hurdles. In 1927 he shared the world record for 440 yard hurdles. He won the 120 yards and 440 yards hurdles at the Empire Games in 1930. Off the track he gave great service with the International Olympic Committee, AAA, British Olympic Association, IAAF and as chairman of the organising committee for the 1948 Olympics.



GUY BUTLER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

Britain's most bemedalled Olympic athlete of all-time, jointly since 1984 with Seb Coe. He won four Olympic medals as a 400m and 4x400m relay runner in the Games of 1920 and 1924, including a gold in the 1920 relay. Silver at 400m and gold at 4 x 400m in the 1920 Olympics were followed by 400m bronze behind Eric Liddell and a 4 x 400m bronze in Paris in 1924.



MARK SHEARMAN

DARREN CAMPBELL

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

Uniquely among British male sprinters, Darren Campbell won global medals in all three outdoor sprinting events: gold in the 4x100m relay (2004 Olympics), silver in the 200m (2000 Olympics) and bronze in the 100m (2003 World Championships).

He won the 1998 European 100m title and bronze in 2002 in the Commonwealth Games 200m and European Championships 100m.



MARK SHEARMAN

DIANE CHARLES (LEATHER)

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

Diane Leather first smashed the world best for the mile in 1953. In 1954 the Birchfield Harrier broke the 5min barrier with 4:59.6. In June 1954 she set a world 880 yards record of 2:09.0 and in August she finished second in the inaugural European 800m championship a feat repeated four year's later. Diane further reduced the mile record in 1955.



MARK SHEARMAN

SIR CHRIS CHATAWAY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

In August 1954 Chataway won the Commonwealth Games 3 miles, and finished second to Vladimir Kuts in the European Championships. Forty-five days later at White City he edged past Kuts in the final few strides to lower the 5,000m world record to 13:51.6 in one of the greatest races ever. Having been pacemaker for the historic race in 1954 Chataway ran his own four minute mile (3:59.8) in 1955 and set a world 3 miles record of 13:23.2.



MARK SHEARMAN

LINFORD CHRISTIE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

Linford Christie was the 1992 Olympic 100m gold medallist and the most successful of all British 100m runners. In addition to his Barcelona victory he won the 1993 world title in a European record of 9.87 (at the time just 1/100th outside Carl Lewis's world record), captured several European and Commonwealth titles and was consistently at the highest world level over a lengthy career.

MARK SHEARMAN



PETER COE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

Peter Coe famously turned his skills as an engineer, his self-taught knowledge of bio-mechanics and intensive research into training methods to develop into one of the most knowledgeable, analytical and respected of coaches. Allied to the exceptional ability and capacity for hard work of his son, Seb, theirs became one of the most celebrated partnerships in athletics. Although he is celebrated for coaching one exceptional athlete, he did train others, including 1984 Olympic 3000m silver medallist Wendy Sly.

MARK SHEARMAN



LORD SEBASTIAN COE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

Won the Olympic 1500m titles in both 1980 and 1984, plus numerous championship medals. His 1981 world record for 800m was ahead of its time and has still only been surpassed by two athletes! Coe also set world records at 1500m, mile and the 1000m. He has since become known as the man who brought the Olympics and Paralympics to England. He is now President of the IAAF.



DAVID COLEMAN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

David Coleman is the athletics and sports commentator for the BBC whose voice provided the soundtrack to some of the most historic moments in the sport. Coleman started work for the BBC in 1954 and his work included covering 11 summer Olympic Games and many other world class events making his words synonymous with many of the greatest athletics performances achieved.

MARK SHEARMAN



KATHY COOK

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

Kathy Cook (née Smallwood) amassed 23 international championship medals covering the Olympics, World Championships, Commonwealth Games and European Championships. The feat equals the most by any English athlete (Linford Christie). Her UK 200m record (22.10 in 1984) lasted until 2015, while her 100m (11.10 in 1981) and 400m (49.43 in 1984) lasted until 2008 and 2013.



MURIEL CORNELL

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

A Silver medal at the 1926 Women's World Games Long Jump was repeated four years later and Muriel Cornell also set World records/bests over 80m hurdles (12.2 in 1930) and Long Jump (5.48 & 5.57 in 1926, 5.57 in 1927).

In 1928 she defeated Japan's world record holder Kinue Hitomi at the WAAA champs and in 1930 she improved her European Record to 5.80m, the first 19ft jump by a European.

MARK SHEARMAN



STEVE CRAM

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

Held an unprecedented hat-trick of 1500m titles – European, Commonwealth and World – and a silver medal in the Olympics. The first man to crack 3:30 for 1500m, and also broke world records at the mile and 2000m in a glorious spell of just 19 days! He has since retained a high profile in the sport as a BBC athletics commentator.

MARK SHEARMAN



DANNY CRATES

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

After losing his right arm in a car crash in 1994 Danny Crates returned to the sport of his youth, athletics, and achieved greatness. Coached by Ayo Falola he took 400m bronze in the 2000 Sydney Paralympic Games. In 2001 he tried the 800m, promptly ran under two minutes and did so again and again. The Athens 2004 Paralympic T46 800m final saw him accelerate away to gold. The IPC World Championships gold and world records followed underlining his position as the dominant force in T46 800m.

MARK SHEARMAN



PETER ELLIOTT

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

Peter Elliott was a no-nonsense athlete. After breaking Steve Ovett's UK teenage best in winning the 1982 AAA 800m in 1:45.61 he ran the first leg in a successful 4x800m world record relay. Silvers came at the European Indoor Championships in 1983 and the World Championships in 1987 and, despite battling injury, in the 1988 Olympic 1500. Gold finally came at the 1990 Commonwealth Games, soon followed by UK indoor records of 3:36.13 and 3:52.02 and a world indoor 1500m record of 3:34.20.



GEOFF DYSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

Geoff Dyson has been described as the father of coaching. He was the first chief national coach, establishing a network of qualified coaches and set standards for coaching in this country. His classic book *The Mechanics of Athletics* was published in 1961 and ran to eight editions, being translated into five languages.



DON FINLAY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

Don Finlay established himself as Europe's finest sprint hurdler in 1932 and won the first of seven consecutive AAA titles. His career saw two Olympic medals, victories in the European Championships and Empire Games, and an almost perfect international match record ... he was decorated with the DFC and the AFC during WW2 before returning to competition in 1947, qualifying for another Olympics and taking fourth at the 1950 Empire Games!

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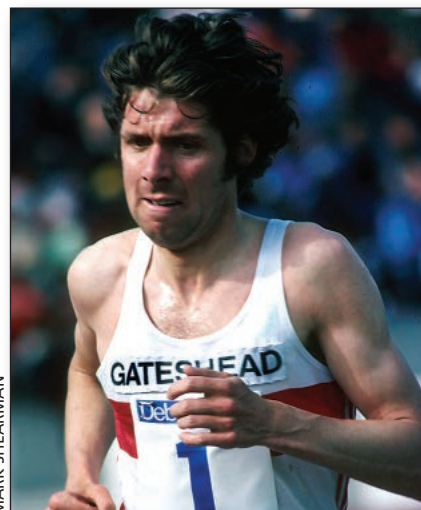


JONATHAN EDWARDS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

Won two Commonwealth Games silvers, a World Championships bronze, and a World Cup before being hit by Epstein Barr virus. His 1995 comeback saw a UK record of 17.58, 18.43 & 18.39 at the European Cup (wind-aided), a world record of 17.98, then 18.16 & 18.29 to dominate the World Championships. Won at the Sydney 2000 Olympics and a further world title in 2001. From 2017 will be Eurosport's lead presenter.

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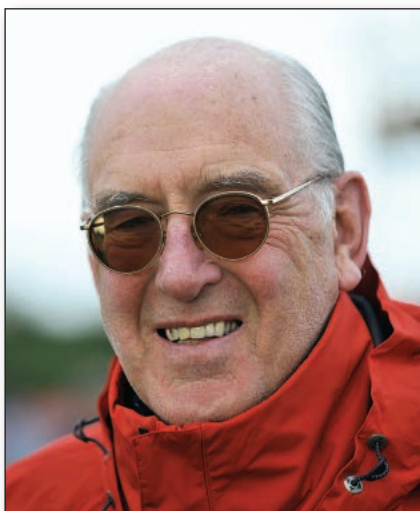


BRENDAN FOSTER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

'Big Bren' achieved his titles and records over a range of distances. His 3000m world record of 7:35.1 came at the opening of Gateshead's track in 1974 – the same year as his bold European 5000m title. The previous year he'd run 8:13.68, a WR for two miles. In 1978 he took Commonwealth gold at 10,000m to add to his medals at 1500m (1970) and 5,000 (1974 & 1978). He took Olympic bronze at 10,000m in 1976.

MARK SHEARMAN



GEORGE GANDY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

George Gandy has been a key factor in the athletics successes of Loughborough University. In addition to current successes those who have come under his influence include Sebastian Coe, who was introduced to circuit training by Gandy, twice Olympic fourth placer Jon Brown, 1986 European 5000m champion Jack Buckner, 2009 World 1500m silver medallist Lisa Dobriskey, former UK 400m record holder Michelle Scutt and 3:50.64 miler Graham Williamson.



WALTER GEORGE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

An array of world records at 1000 yards to 1hr included records at 2M, 3M, 4M, 6M, 10,000m, 10M, hour and an amateur record at the mile all set in 1884. In 1886, aged 27, he ran a world record 4:12 $\frac{3}{4}$ for a mile. He would be 76 before a Briton ran faster! George was a pioneer of innovative training methods. The great Gosta Holmer said he based his 'fartlek' on the methods of WG George!



P W 'JIMMY' GREEN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

Jimmy Green is best known as the man who launched Athletics Weekly. He worked hard, made sacrifices and showed great insight to turn the title into the sport's essential source of news and results, as well as a major forum for discussion of the sport. He was also an athlete who represented the AAA, one of the country's best Starters, President of Kent AAA and one of the very first Senior Coaches.

MARK SHEARMAN



SIR ARTHUR GOLD

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

An international high jumper, he became among the pioneers of British coaching. His most notable coaching success was with legendary high jumper Dorothy Tyler in the early 1950s. As an administrator he filled practically every post of significance in British and English athletics, as well as being president of the European Athletic Association from 1976 to 1987. He was determined to protect athletics from the dangers of drug use and over commercialisation.

MARK SHEARMAN



SALLY GUNNELL

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

Her career saw her win World Championships silver in 1991, Olympic gold in 1992 and World Championships gold (in a world record) in 1993. In the Commonwealth Games she won gold in 1986, 1990 and 1994. She is the only woman to hold Commonwealth, World, Olympic and European titles at same time.



PROF. SIR LUDWIG GUTTMANN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

Ludwig Guttman was the father of the Paralympics. As Director of the National Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke Mandeville he inaugurated the first Stoke Mandeville Games held on 28 July 1948, the opening day of the London Olympics. He believed patients could benefit by taking up sport and from this belief he built the Paralympic movement.

MARK SHEARMAN



DAME MAREA HARTMAN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

Early in 1950, aged 29, Marea Hartman was elected Hon. Treasurer of the Women's AAA. In 1958 she was women's team manager at the European Championships. Dame Marea remained British team manager for 20 more years. She chaired the IAAF's Women's Commission for 13 years, became Hon. Treasurer then Chairman of the British Amateur Athletic Board. After the WAAA amalgamated with the men she became the first female President of the AAA.

MARK SHEARMAN



TOM HAMPSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

In 1930 he won the AAA Championships with an English record of 1:53.2. At the inaugural British Empire Games he won by 20 yards in 1:52.4. At the 1932 Olympics Hampson went from 20m off the lead at halfway to win gold by six inches in a barrier-breaking 1:49.70. He was among the first ten senior honorary AAA coaches appointed.

MARK SHEARMAN



ASHIA HANSEN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

Ashia Hansen proved herself one of the world's greatest ever triple jumpers with six major titles between 1998 and 2003, including a world indoor record of 15.16m in 1998.

She started her medal collection with silver at the 1997 World Indoors and at that year's Grand Prix Final she won with a magnificent 15.15m.

Who knows what more she would have achieved but for a seemingly endless series of serious injuries?

MARK SHEARMAN



BASIL HEATLEY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

Heatley won the English cross country title in 1960, 1961 and 1963, and finished first in the International Cross Country Championship by 23sec in 1961. In the 1961 AAA 10 mile championship he knocked 25 sec off Emil Zátopek's world record with a time of 47:47.0. In the 1964 Polytechnic Marathon Heatley passed Ron Hill for the lead and came home 100 yards ahead in a world record 2:13:55. Four months later, in Tokyo, he became the fourth Briton to earn an Olympic marathon silver medal.

MARK SHEARMAN



DAVID HEMERY

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

Broke the world record for 400m hurdles in the 1968 Olympic final, the first time in 36 years a British man won an Olympic title in a world record. The performance was a display of speed, stamina, technique and composure; it saw him voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year. He won Olympic bronze in 1972 and was twice Commonwealth Games sprint hurdles champion.



ALBERT HILL

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

Albert Hill achieved the 800m/1500m double at the 1920 Olympics (adding a silver in the 3000m team race). He was a chain smoking railway ticket collector who trained twice a week. He initially excelled at longer distances including winning the AAA 4M title in 1910. A great tactician and bold racer Hill later turned his hand to coaching, his protégés included mile world record holder Sydney Wooderson.



MARK SHEARMAN

RON HILL

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

Dr Ron Hill MBE secured marathon gold medals at the European and Commonwealth Championships, a Boston Marathon title as well as world records at 10 miles (47:02.2 & 46:44.), 15 miles (1:12:48.2) and 25,000m (1:15:22.6) with a world bests for 20 miles (1:40:55 & 1:36:28). But he also remains a folklore figure among club runners for having covered at least a mile every day for 50 years as well as his innovations in athletics clothing.



JACK HOLDEN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

The holder of the most distinguished record in British cross country history: English champion in 1938 and 1939; International champion in 1933, 1934, 1935 and 1939. In 1950, aged 43, he proved himself the world's number one marathoner by winning five races out of five including the British Empire and European Championships. The Empire Games were won by over four minutes despite running last nine miles barefoot after discarding his rain-sodden plimsolls.



DAVID HOLDING

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

David Holding's career saw him excel at an incredible range of distances with four London Marathon titles in the wheelchair event in 1989, 1994, 1996 and 1997, a Paralympic title at 100m in Atlanta in 1996, and a world championships title at 100m in 1998. David also won the 1994 World title at 1500m.



MARK SHEARMAN

DAME KELLY HOLMES

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

Dame Kelly won her historic 800m/1500m double at the 2004 Olympic Games. After a break from the sport to focus on her military career her return to the sport was highly successful with Commonwealth titles, plus medals at the Olympics as well as the European and World Championship. But a string of injuries begged the question 'What if...?' In Athens an uninterrupted preparation led to an emphatic answer.



MARK SHEARMAN

FRED HOUSDEN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

Best known as the man who taught David Hemery to hurdle, Fred Housden was one of our finest coaches. In 1921 he represented England at 110m hurdles and long jump. As a pole vaulter he was second in the AAAs twice and represented the British Empire against the USA in 1928. Early in the 1960s he collaborated with Geoff Dyson on the book, 'The Mechanics of Athletics', the definitive work on the subject.



DOROTHY HYMAN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

At the Rome Olympics of 1960 Dorothy Hyman came away with silver in the 100 (11.3) and bronze in the 200. She took the 1962 European 100m title, with silver in the 200 and bronze in the relay. At the Commonwealth Games she won a sprint double and relay silver. In 1963 Dorothy was unbeaten and topped the world list at 100m.

MARK SHEARMAN



DEREK IBBOTSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

The 'four minute smiler', was one of Britain's fine world mile record holders. By 1954 he was world class at 3 and 6 miles. In 1956 he became the world's ninth 4 minute miler in the Emsley Carr Mile and took Olympic 5000m bronze. In 1957 at White City track, he defeated a dazzling field running 3:57.2, breaking the record of 3:57.9 by Australia's John Landy.

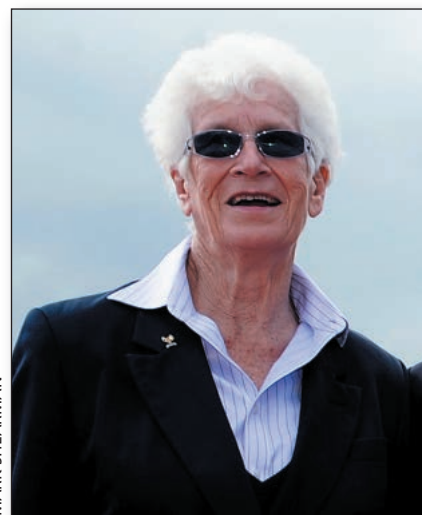


JOHN LE MASURIER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

John 'Le Mas's' diversity of knowledge of training and technique saw him work with sprinters, middle distance and cross country runners, hurdlers, jumpers, throwers and all-rounders. His crowning glory was Mary Rand. At the 1964 Tokyo Olympics she won the long jump with a world record 6.76m, took silver in the pentathlon and third in the 4x100m relay. He was joint AAA Principal National Coach from 1961-1978.

MARK SHEARMAN



SHEILA LERWILL

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

Sheila Lerwill (née Alexander), held the world record at 1.72m from 1951 to 1954 and, coached by George Pallett, and was a pioneer among female straddle jumpers. Her 1.72m leap added a centimetre to the world record which had been held by Holland's legendary Fanny Blankers-Koen since 1943. A 1950 European Champion, Sheila also claimed silver at the 1952 Olympics despite suffering a high temperature, cough and a calf bleeding from a spike scratch.

MARK SHEARMAN



DENISE LEWIS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

Olympic gold in Sydney in 2000 came despite an Achilles tendon injury. Lying eighth after the high jump, Denise took the lead before the 800m and battled the pain to strike gold.

In 1994 she won the Commonwealth Games. In 1996 came a British record and Olympic bronze. In both 1997 and 1999 Denise won silver in the World Championships. 1998 saw her as European and Commonwealth champion.

MARK SHEARMAN



BRUCE LONGDEN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

Bruce Longden guided two of Britain's greatest ever athletes. Daley Thompson set a world record of 8648 prior to 1980 Olympic gold. He won Commonwealth and European titles in 1982 and 1986, the Worlds in 1983, and Olympic gold in 1984 with a world record. Sally Gunnell claimed Commonwealth 100m hurdles gold. Then came her remarkable 400m hurdle career including Olympic gold and the world title in a world record 52.74.



DOUGLAS LOWE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

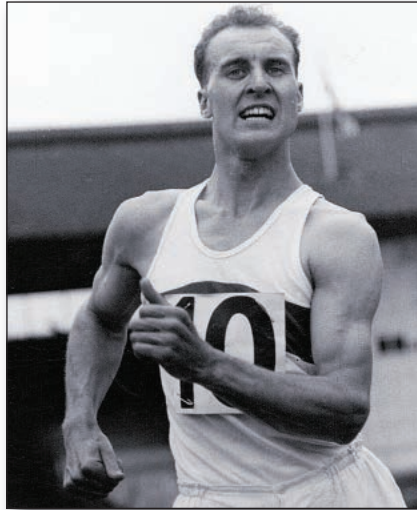
Douglas Lowe became Olympic 800m champion in 1924 and four years later became the first man to win a second Olympic gold at the distance. His Paris time of 1:52.4 took a second off the British record. In 1928 Lowe won by a full second in the Olympic and British record time of 1:51.8. Lowe's last race saw him lower the British record for 800m to 1:51.2 in August 1928. He went on to serve as Honorary Secretary of the AAA from 1931 to 1938.



BOB MATTHEWS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2014

Bob Matthews' first Paralympic Games were at goalball (an indoor team sport specifically for visually-impaired athletes) in Arnhem in 1980. He transitioned to athletics and amassed an incredible 29 international gold medals with nine silver medals and six bronze competing at distances from 400m to marathon. He set 22 world records and went on to compete internationally at cycling and triathlon in his adopted New Zealand.



KEN MATTHEWS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

Ken Matthews won 20 kilometres titles at the European Championships in 1962, Lugano Trophy in 1961 and 1963 and Olympic gold in 1964 where he set an Olympic record of 1:29:34.

He claimed 17 national titles from 1959, set unofficial world records of 34:26.6 and 34:21.2 for 5M and between 1964 and 1971 held every British record from 5 miles to two hours, including a world best of 69:40.6 for 10 miles.



MARK SHEARMAN

DAVE MOORCROFT

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

In 1978 Dave Moorcroft beat world record holder Filbert Bayi for the Commonwealth 1500m title in 3:35.48. In 1982 he ran 3:49.34 in Oslo's Dream Mile before front running his way to breaking Henry Rono's 5000m world record with the sensational 13:00.41. He then set a European 3000m record of 7:32.79 and won the Commonwealth 5000m. In 1993 he set an outdoor world veterans mile record of 4:02.53. Moorcroft was Chief Executive Officer of UK Athletics from 1999 until 2007.



SAM MUSSABINI

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

Sam Mussabini coached two individual British Olympic champions: Albert Hill won 800m and 1500m titles in Antwerp in 1920, and as made famous by Chariots of Fire, Harold Abrahams, the 1924 100m champion. Mussabini had guided South Africa's Reggie Walker to the 1908 100m title. He coached Willie Applegarth to 1912 relay gold and bronze at 200m. In 1914 Applegarth clocked 21.2 for 220 yards, the world record around a turn until 1932!



JUDY OAKES

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016

Judy's contested a remarkable six Commonwealth Games, winning a medal each time – an unprecedented achievement with golds coming in 1982, 1994 and 1998. Domestically, she collected a record 35 Women's AAA titles (indoors and out) between 1977 and 2000, when she was aged 42. By the time she retired she had represented the UK on a record 87 occasions.



MARK SHEARMAN

STEVE OVETT

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

Always regarded as the 'athlete's athlete' Steve Ovett notably won the 800m gold medal at the Moscow Olympics. He won many other national and international championship medals at 800m, 1500m and a Commonwealth Games 5000m title. He possessed a ferocious kick which would often be followed by a celebratory wave to the crowd. He also set world records at 1500m and the mile.



MARK SHEARMAN

ANN PACKER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

Started as a sprinter, hurdler and jumper but found fame at 800m and retired immediately after her 1964 Olympic success, aged only 22. WAAA long jump champion in 1960, finalist in the 1962 European Championships at 200m and 80m hurdles at the Commonwealth Games. She moved to 400m in 1963. A silver in the 400m in the Tokyo Olympics was followed by the enchanting world record breaking run for 800m gold.

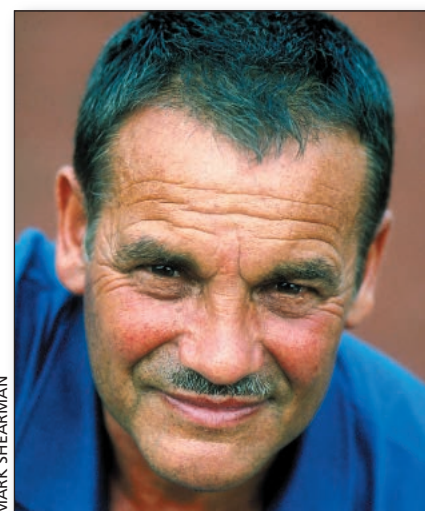


MARK SHEARMAN

ALAN PASCOE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

Alan Pascoe collected European and Commonwealth gold, silver and bronze medals, an Olympic relay silver, British records, 13 AAA titles and the distinction of never having been beaten at the 400m hurdles event in international matches. A world class competitor, British team captain, teacher, college PE lecturer, meeting promoter, athletes' representative on the British Board, Sports Council member, TV commentator and expert in sports marketing and sponsorship.



MARK SHEARMAN

WILF PAISH

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

Wilf Paish guided Tessa Sanderson to javelin gold in the 1984 Olympics. He also coached Mick Hill, to a UK record and World Championships bronze. But Paish had a deep knowledge of all events, coaching Peter Elliott from the age of 16 into an Olympic silver medalist, Commonwealth champion and world indoor record holder at 1500m. A prolific author of technical books and articles, he served as a Great Britain Olympic coach and in 1996 coached the South African Olympic team.



MARK SHEARMAN

JIM PETERS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

After success at shorter distances Peters debuted at the 1951 Polytechnic Marathon winning by five minutes and smashing the British record. He then sliced five minutes off the world record with 2:20:43! In 1953 Peters set further world bests of 2:18:41 in the 'Poly' and 2:18:35 in Turku (Finland). The following June he improved again to 2:17:40. Peters famously collapsed just shy of the line and 1954 Commonwealth title.



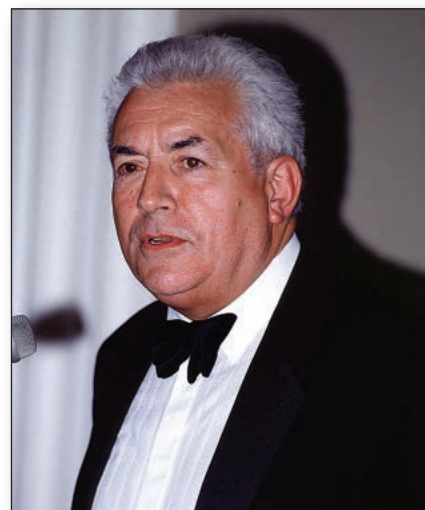
MARK SHEARMAN

JEAN PICKERING

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

Jean Desforges won 19 times in British colours claiming five international championship medals including the European long jump title in 1954. She set national records at long jump and pentathlon.

In 1954 Jean married Ron Pickering. After his premature death Jean's work through The Ron Pickering Memorial Fund saw over a million pounds distributed to help young athletes.



RON PICKERING

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

The renaissance man of British athletics - coach, broadcaster, writer, motivator, visionary, administrator ... he was the conscience and guardian of the sport. Pickering was National Coach for Wales and South West England and coached Lynn Davies to a shock victory at the 1964 Olympics. Ron married European long jump champion Jean Desforges who, until her death in 2013, ran the Ron Pickering Memorial Fund with son Shaun.



GORDON PIRIE

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

The range of Pirie's talent became apparent in 1953 - he won the first of three consecutive English cross country titles and outkicked American star Wes Santee in the inaugural Emsley Carr Mile. He set a world 6 miles record as well as numerous British records between 3000m and 10,000m. In 1956 Pirie clocked a staggering 13:36.8 5,000m world record. Three days later he set a world 3000m record of 7:55.5, a time he later reduced to 7:52.7.



MARK SHEARMAN

PAULA RADCLIFFE

**Athlete of the Decade
2001-2010**

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

In 1992 Paula Radcliffe became World Junior cross country champion ahead of China's Wang Junxia (who the following year set seemingly unreal world record times at 3000m and 10,000m).

Paula's uncompromising front running went on to carry her to medals and records galore, including world bests on the road. But she was repeatedly outprinted for gold at the end of her most important track and cross country races.

From 2000 things changed. She captured the World Half Marathon title and in 2001 won the World Cross Country.

After retaining her World Cross Country title in 2002 she made her marathon debut in London. Her 2:18:56 was a world record for a women-only race and second fastest ever. She went on to set a Commonwealth 3000m record of 8:22.22 and win the Commonwealth Games (Commonwealth record of 14:31.42) and European Championships (European record of 30:01.09). She ended the year with a world record 2:17:18 in Chicago. In April 2003 she wowed the world of athletics even more with her stunning 2:15:25 in London - the biggest single improvement in the world record for 20 years!

Other triumphs followed, including a third London win and the World title in 2005 (the first British marathoner to win a global championship), and three New York victories between 2004 and 2008.



PETER RADFORD

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016

Radford's major medals included gold at the 1958 and 1962 Commonwealth 4x110y, silver in the 1958 European 4x100m and bronze at the 1958 European 100m, 1960 Olympic 100m and 4x100m. He set world records for the 200m and 220 yards of 20.5 in Wolverhampton in 1960, also equalling the European 100y record that day. He served as Vice-Chairman, Chairman and Executive Chairman of the national governing body, the British Athletics Federation, from 1992 to 1997.



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MARY RAND

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

In Tokyo in 1964 she set a long jump world record of 6.76 - the first British female athlete to win an Olympic gold medal as well as taking silver in the Pentathlon and bronze in the 4x 100m. She took the long jump bronze medal at the 1962 European Championships. In 1963 she helped set a world record in the 4x110 yards' relay and posted British records in the 80m hurdles, long jump and pentathlon.



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RON RODDAN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016

After early successes with 46.75 400m runner Mick Hauck, and Dick Steane, who set a British 200m record of 20.66 at the Mexico City Olympics, many more successes followed for Roddan. When he was approached by an English Schools 200m silver medallist, the young athlete was soon told to work harder or move on. Work hard he did, and he, Linford Christie, became Roddan's greatest success as UK record holder, and Olympic (1992) and World Champion (1993).

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TESSA SANDERSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

History was made in Los Angeles in 1984 when Tessa Sanderson became the first Briton ever to win an Olympic throwing title. In 1980 she won the first of her three Commonwealth Titles. Her all round athleticism was highlighted when she made her mark as a heptathlete, setting a UK record of 6125 points as re-scored on the present tables.

Tessa placed fourth in the 1992 Olympics, and competed in a sixth Olympics in 1996, aged 40.



ALF SHRUBB

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

Victories in the new International Cross Country Championships of 1903 and 1904 were supported by supreme achievements on the track in 1903 - world records at 3 miles (14:17.6, British record for 33 years) and 2 miles (9:11.0). His range was extraordinary. He held every amateur world record from 2000m to the hour before he was declared a professional by the AAA in September 1905. He continued to race as a 'pro' for many years in Canada.

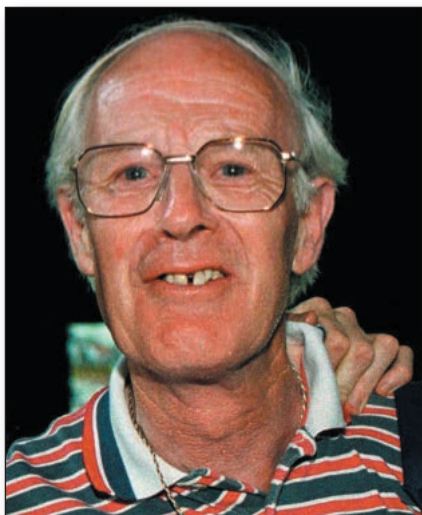


JOYCE SMITH

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016

Joyce Smith's record of sustained and diverse top-class achievement is unique. She gained her first international badge for cross country as a teenager in 1956. In 1980, aged 43, she became the world's third fastest ever marathon runner and at 44 went faster with 2:29:43. She represented Britain at 800m, set UK records at 1500m, broke the world 3000m record and won gold, silver and bronze at the International Cross Country.

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MIKE SMITH

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

Mike Smith coached outstanding 400m runners including Donna Hartley, Todd Bennett, Roger Black, Kriss Akabusi, and Iwan Thomas in more than 50 years as a coach of the highest order. He was named England's coach of the year in 1987; awarded the Ron Pickering Memorial Award in 1998 for his special contribution to the sport, and in 2009 he received the Services to Coaching Award from England Athletics.

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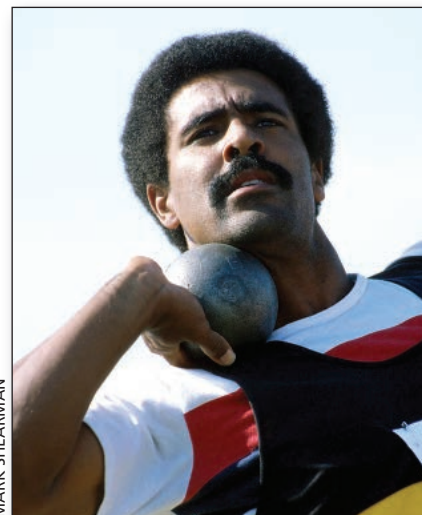


NOEL THATCHER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

Accumulated 42 gold medals across his career as a visually impaired athlete. In the Barcelona Paralympics he set a new world record in winning the 1500m. In Atlanta he took the 5k and 10k double, setting a 10k world record despite carrying a stress fracture. In Sydney he broke a world record again - his gun to tape victory saw the 5k record fall. Awarded an MBE for services to disability sport in 1997.

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DALEY THOMPSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2008

Twice Olympic gold medallist who won a record breaking 12 decathlons over a six year period. His famously great talent across a range of events was developed through systematic, tough and highly effective training. Daley was known for his mental resolve and ability to master his rivals psychologically as well as physically.

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DON THOMPSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

Before the 1960 Olympics, in addition to his usual gruelling training, Thompson performed exercises on the spot in his tracksuit in an improvised steam room at with temperatures hovering around the 100°F mark. It worked! At the finish line of Rome he was 17 sec clear in 4:25:30, an Olympic record. Thompson won the classic London to Brighton on eight consecutive occasions with a record of 7:35:12 for the 53 miles 129 yards (86 kilometres) course!

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DOROTHY TYLER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

The first British woman to win an Olympic athletics medal; in 1936 she was second in the high jump, aged 16. At 17 she won the Empire Games. She cleared 1.66 for a world record and came close to victory in the 1948 Olympics. In 1950 she retained the Empire Games title and took silver at the 1954 Commonwealth Games. She won the WAAA long jump and pentathlon titles in 1951 (the latter a British record). Later she was a coach and team manager.



EMIL VOIGT

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2015

Emil Voigt was the last British athlete to win a long distance running gold medal at the Olympic Games prior to Mo Farah's 2012 double. Voigt's success was 104 years earlier at the first London Olympics where he triumphed in the 5 mile event in a time of 25:11.2. This came despite tearing muscles in his foot during his heat and having to improvise a plaster of Paris arch support to be built into his running shoe. He was a class apart, finishing some 70 yards ahead of the field.



MEL WATMAN

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2013

After 60 years of athletics writing, including for Athletics Today, Athletics International, and as freelance for various newspapers and news agencies, Mel Watman is still best known as editor of Athletics Weekly from the 1960s to 1980s. By 1954 he was contributing to AW before joining full time in 1961. In 1968 he succeeded Jimmy Green as editor. He was cofounder of the National Union of Track Statisticians in 1958 and the British Athletics Writers' Association in 1963.



DENIS WATTS

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2010

Denis Watts was the first man to win the long/triple jump double at the AAA Championships (1946). He was Joint AAA Principal Coach until 1978. He coached Dorothy Hyman to Olympic silver (100m) and bronze (200m) in 1960. He coached Tom Farrell (400m hurdles) and Andy Carter (800m) to British records and helped in the development of Lillian Board, and persuaded Ann Packer to move up in distance, leading to her Olympic 800m gold.



CAPT. F.A.M. WEBSTER

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

Webster helped found and direct the AAA Summer School, held at Loughborough College from 1934, and created Loughborough's School of Athletics, Games & Physical Education – the products of which included Geoff Dyson, John Le Masurier and Denis Watts. The AAA Coaching Scheme owed much to Webster. He also helped form an Amateur Field Events Association, wrote on the history of athletics and coached pioneering women athletes in the 1920s.

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FATIMA WHITBREAD

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2012

In the 1983 World Championships Fatima's silver medal was Britain's first throws global medal since 1924! In 1984 she was third in the Olympics. In 1986 the qualifying round of the European Championships saw her add over two metres to the world record with 77.44m! She was the first British thrower to break a world record. In the final she took gold with 76.32m. Fatima prevailed again at the 1987 World Championships in Rome. She collected silver at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

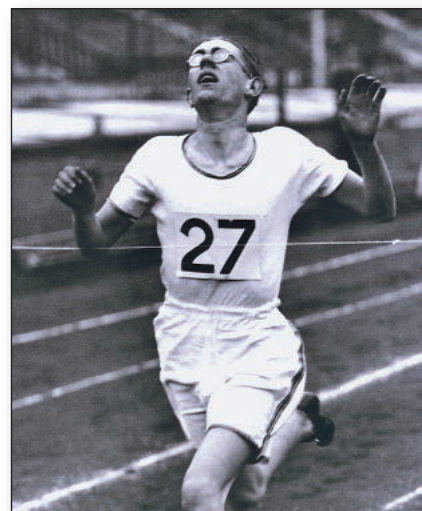
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HAROLD WHITLOCK

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2011

A long international career lasting until 1952 saw many honours. There was a 1935 world 30 miles track record of 4:29:31.8 en route to 50 miles in 7:44:47.2. He won gold in the 1938 European 50 kilometres and 1936 Olympic 50 kilometres. Whitlock advised Don Thompson, wrote a BAAB instructional booklet, was Chief Judge at the Rome Olympics, Chairman of the IAAF Walk Commission and President of the RWA.



SYDNEY WOODERSON

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2009

An unlikely looking champion but a 'people's hero' of the 1930s and '40s. In 1937 he set a world mile record of 4:06.4 off scratch in a Surrey handicap race. In 1938 he broke two world records in one race (800m: 1:48.4; 880yds: 1:49.2). In 1946 he was European 5000m champion in 14:08.6 (second fastest ever and a British record). He achieved best in the world at 800m, mile and 5000m, and was English 10 miles cross country champion!

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1991 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TOKYO MEN'S 4x400M RELAY TEAM

Inducted into Hall of Fame 2016

Roger Black, Derek Redmond, John Regis and Kriss Akabusi, as well as Ade Mafe and Mark Richardson who ran in qualifying, produced one of the stand out moments of relay running history when they conspired and battled to win gold ahead of the USA. After three legs Kriss Akabusi was within three metres of world champion Antonio Pettigrew – by the finish line he was four-hundredths of a second ahead and the celebrations began.




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