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## A History of British Gymnastics participation at Olympic Games

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## Participation Chronology

| 1896 | Athens | First contemporary Olympic Games. No British participation. | 1956 | Melbourne | Europe catches the Games in the middle of the night with the first media coverage. |
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| 1900 | Paris | The Games were held as part of the 1900 World's Fair. |  |  | British men and women compete: 2 men and 1 woman. |
| 1904 | St. Louis | The competition was reduced to a side-show of the World's Fair and were lost in other cultural exhibits. | 1960 | Rome | Beginning of the Japanese era in men's gymnastics. <br> British men's and women's teams compete: 3 men and 6 women. |
| 1906 | Athens | These intermediary games were organized to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the first modern Olympic Games in Athens 1896. | 1964 | Tokyo | The world's public bond with the Olympic ideals. Wall to wall media coverage. British men's and women's teams led by coaches, June Groom and Nik Stuart MBE (first GB professional National Coach). |
| 1908 | London | Walter Tysall (Birmingham Athletic Institute) SILVER, first Olympic medal for GB. |  |  |  |
| 1912 | Stockholm | British men's team - BRONZE |  |  |  |
| 1916 | Berlin | Games cancelled due to the first world war. | 1968 | Mexico City | Olympic champion, Vera Caslavska defies the politics for a Mexican wedding in the world's gaze. British men and women compete: 2 men and 2 women. |
| 1920 | Antwerp | British men's team compete. |  |  |  |
| 1924 | Paris | British men's team compete. |  |  |  |
| 1928 | Amsterdam | Women compete for the first time. <br> British women's team (12 gymnasts) - BRONZE | 1972 | Munich | Olga Korbut becomes a household name and terrorists attack the athlete's village. British men's and women's teams compete: 3 men and 6 women. |
| 1932 | Los Angeles | No British participation due to financial constraints. |  |  |  |
|  |  | Tumbling included in the Olympic programme (winner Roland Wolfe, USA) also rope climbing (winner George Gulack, USA). | 1976 | Montreal | Nadia Comaneci's first perfect 10.00 (awarded 6 times) <br> The host city incurs a debt that is still being paid off today. <br> British men's and women's teams compete: 3 men and 3 women. |
| 1936 | Berlin | British women's team compete. <br> Men's team withdraws due to financial constraints. Introduction of the parallel bars in the women's programme. |  |  |  |
| 1948 | London | British men's and women's teams compete. | 1980 | Moscow | The first mass boycott. Many western nations do not attend. <br> Nikolai Andrianov's farewell. <br> British men's and women's teams compete: 3 men and 3 women. |
| 1949 |  | The FIG Congress standardised the Olympic Gymnastics Programme that we have today. With only technical alterations and a new Code of Points for every Olympic cycle of 4 years, we have |  |  |  |
|  |  | retained the general format with the addition of rhythmic gymnastics in 1984 and trampolining in 2000. | 1984 | Los Angeles | Eastern Europe boycott the Games. The Games however are franchised and make a profit. <br> British men's and women's teams compete: 6 men |
| 1952 | Helsinki | The new era of gymnastics and the emergence of the Soviet Union. <br> British men's and women's teams compete: 6 men and 8 women. |  |  | and 6 women. <br> Natalie Davis - 20th place in all-around. Debut of rhythmic gymnastics. |


| 1988 | Seoul | The most unique and spectacular opening and closing ceremonies. <br> British men and women compete: 2 men and 2 women. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1992 | Barcelona | Regarded as 'the best Olympic Games', <br> The end of the Soviet era <br> Men's team: 6 men - 12th place; Neil Thomas MBE - <br> 20th and <br> James May - 33 rd all-around. |
| 1996 | Atlanta | Bela Karolyi and Keri Strugg become 'The Image' of the Games. <br> British mens and women compete: 2 men and 2 women. <br> Compulsory set exercises were dropped. |
| 2000 | Sydney | Australia ran the "Greatest Games' <br> British women's team and individual man: 1 man and 6 women. <br> Debut of Trampolining - Lee Brearley - 6th; Jaime <br> Moore - 12th <br> A team final in artistic is introduced. |
| 2004 | Athens | Big judging problems. <br> British women's team: 6 women, 2 trampolinists (men and women), 1 rhythmic gymnast. |
| 2008 | Beijing | Louis Smith writes history - 100 years after Walter Tysall, he wins an individual medal, BRONZE on pommel horse. <br> British women's team: 6 women, 2 men, 1 female trampolinist. |
| 2012 | London | Louis Smith SILVER on pommel horse. <br> Max Whitlock BRONZE on pommel horse. <br> Beth Tweddle BRONZE on uneven bars. <br> Men's team BRONZE - Max Whitlock, Louis Smith MBE, <br> Sam Oldham, Kristian Thomas, Daniel Purvis |
|  |  | British team: 5 women, 5 men, 1 individual rhythmic gymnast, a British rhythmic group, 1 female trampolinist. |
|  |  | Our most successful Olympic Games ever. |

## Medals: 1 silver and 3 bronze

ARTISTIC

| Men's all-around |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SILVER <br> 7th place | Walter Tysall Kristian Thomas | 1908 London 2012 London |
| Men's apparatus |  |  |  |
| Pommel horse | BRONZE | Louis Smith MBE | 2008 Beijing |
| Pommel horse | SILVER | Louis Smith MBE | 2012 London |
| Pommel horse | BRONZE | Max Whitlock | 2012 London |
| Men's team |  |  |  |
|  | BRONZE |  | 1912 Stockholm |
|  | BRONZE | Louis Smith MBE <br> Max Whitlock Sam Oldham Kristian Thomas Daniel Purvis | 2012 London |
| Women's all-around |  |  |  |
|  | 12th place | Becky Downie | 2008 Beijing |
| Women's apparatus |  |  |  |
| Uneven bars | BRONZE | Beth Tweddle MBE | 2012 London |
| Women's team |  |  |  |
|  | BRONZE |  | 1928 Amsterdam |
|  | 6th place | Hannah Whelan Beth Tweddle MBE Imogen Cairns Rebecca Tunney Jennifer Pinches | 2012 London |
| Rhythmic individual |  |  |  |
|  | 21st place | Debbie Southwick | 1992 Barcelona |
|  | 21st place | Hannah McKibbin | 2004 Athens |
| TRAMPOLINING |  |  |  |
| Men's trampolining |  |  |  |
|  | 6th place | Lee Brearley | 2000 Sydney |
| Women's trampolining |  |  |  |
|  | 9th place | Kat Driscoll | 2012 London |

## ATHENS 1896

## 9th/10th April

 PANATHINAIKOS STADIUM- 28 gymnasts (28 men and no women) from 8 countries
- No British participation
- No individual all-around competition.


## PARIS 1900

135 gymnasts ( 135 men and no women) from 8 countries.

- The Games were held as part of the 1900 World's Fair
- 135 gymnasts took part in a competition that involved elements from track and field and weightlifting as well as gymnastic disciplines
- The competition programme included high bar, parallel bars, long horse vault, side horse (pommel horse), rings, floor exercise, long jump, rope climbing, combined long and high jump, pole vault and weightlifting.
Results
Men's individual
1st - Gustave Sandras FRA 2nd - Noel Bass FRA
3rd - Licien Demanet FRA


## ST LOUIS 1904

1st July/28th October FRANCIS FIELD

119 gymnasts ( 119 men and no women) from 3 countries; Germany (7) Switzerland (1), United States (111)

- No British participation
- As in Paris 1900 the competitions were reduced to a side-show of the World's Fair and were lost in the chaos of other, more popular cultural exhibits.
- The competition included: all-around, triathlon, team, combined, parallel bars, horizontal bar, vault, pommel horse, rings, rope climbing, club swinging.
- The men's triathlon: 1st and 2nd July 1904. It was the only time the event was held at the Olympics. The three apparatus used were the horizontal bar, the parallel bars, and the horse (itself actually split further between the 'long horse' or vault and the 'side horse' or pommel horse). The men's team: 1st and 2nd July 1904. It was the first time a team event, in the sense of combining scores of individual gymnasts, was held at the Olympics. Previous team events had been performances by large groups of gymnasts at a single time. Seventy eight gymnasts competed in 13 teams. The scores of the top 6 members of each team counted toward the team total.

Results
Men's individual
Men's triathlon

Men's team

Men's combined

The Germans, who showed the best performance as a team, were not allowed to compete as their members not belong to the same club.

- The men's combined: Held on 28 October 1904. An unknown number of gymnasts competed, only five, all from the United States, are known. The scores were a simple sum of the gymnasts' scores in the parallel bars, horizontal bar, vault, and pommel horse events.

1st - Julius Lenhart USA* 2nd - Wilhelm Weber GER 3rd - Adolf Spinnler SUI
1st - Adolf Spinnler SUI 2nd - Julius Lenhart USA
3rd - Wilhelm Weber GER
1st - Philadelphia Turngemeinde USA
2nd - New York Turnverein USA
3rd - Central Turnverein, Chicago USA
1st - Anton Heida USA 2nd - George Eyser USA
3rd - William Merz USA
*Julius Lenhart represented the USA due to the club he was with, despite being an Austrian citizen.


NB - All results are all-around, unless otherwise stated.

## ATHENS 1906

22nd April -2nd May PANATHINAIKOS STADIUM

Results
Men's individual

Men's team
Mentin

104 gymnasts ( 104 men and no women) from 9 countries.

- These intermediary games were organized to celebrate the 10 th anniversary of the first modern Olympic Games in Athens 1896 and aimed to impose Athens as the permanent host of the Olympic Games. However, the idea was not accepted by the IOC
- The competition programme included high bar, parallel bars, side horse vault, rings, combined long and high jump and side horse (pommel horse).

1st - Pierre Paysse FR
2nd - Alberto Braglia ITA
3rd - Georges Charmoille FRA
1st - NOR
2nd - DEN
3rd - ITA

Summary


GB results
Men's individual

Men's team
Results
Men's Individual

Mass team


- 325 gymnasts ( 325 men and no women) from 13 countries.
- Competition was held outdoors.
- Programme consisted of a team drill competition of 20 to 40 gymnasts and an individual apparatus competition (high bar, parallel bars, pommels, fying rings, still rings, vault).

65 men
P.A. Baker, W.F. Barrett, R. Bonney, J.H. Catley, M. Clay, E. Clough, J. Cotterell, W. Cowy, G.C. Cullen, F. Denby, Herbert Drury, W. Fitt, H. Gill, A.S. Harley, A.E. Hawkins, W.O. Hoare, S.E. Hodgetts, J.A. Horridge, H.J. Huskinson, J.W. Jones, E. Justice, N.J. Keighley, R. Laycock, R. McGaw, J. McPhail, W. Manning, W.G Merrifield, C.J. Oldaker, G. Parrott, E. Parsons, E.F. Richardson, J. Robertson, George Ross, D. Scott, J.F. Simpson, W.R. Skeeles, J. Speight, H. Stell, C.V. Suderman, William Tilt, Charles Vigurs, H. Waterman, E. Walton, E.A. Watkins, John Whitaker, F. Whitehead

2nd - Walter Tysall (Birmingham Athletic Institute, B.A.I.) SILVER, first Olympic medal for GB
6th - Samuel Hodgetts 9th - Edward W. Potts 8th place

1st - Alberto Braglia ITA 2nd- Walter Tysall GB 3rd - Louis Segura FRA
1st - SWE
2st - NOR
3rd - FIN
4th - DEN
5th - FRA
6th - ITA
7h - HOL
8th - GBR

## STOCKHOLM 1912

Results
Men's individual

Men's team

Mens all-around
free system

Mens all-around
Swedish system

- 249 gymnastic participants ( 249 men and no women) from 12 countries.
- Individual competition included high bar, parallel bars, pommels and rings.

23 men
Albert Betts, Harry Dickenson, Samuel Hodgetts, Alfred Messenger, Edward Pepper, Charles Vigurs, Samuel Walker, John Whitaker, Sidney Cross, Bernard Wallis Franklin, Edward Potts, Reginald Potts, George Ross, Henry Oberholzer, Charles Simmons, Arthur Southern, Ronald McLean, Charles Luck, Herbert Drury, William McKune, William Tilt, William Cowhig, Leonard Hanson

## 3rd place - BRONZE

1st - Alberto Braglia ITA 2nd - Louis Segura FRA 3rd - A. Tunesi ITA

2nd HUN 2nd - HUN 3rd - GBR
1st - NOR
2nd - FIN
3rd - DEN
1st - SWE
2nd-DEN

3rd - NOR


## ANTWERP 1920

22nd -29th August OLYMPIC STADIUM, CHAMPS DE BEERSCHOT

Summary

Team GB

Mass team


GB results
Mass team
Results
Men's individual
Mass team

Mens all-around free system
Mens all-around Swedish system

- 250 gymnasts from 11 countries
- The Olympic programme consisted of a team contest of twenty men and an individual apparatus contest. The GB team was meant to be taking part in the individual event. However, the official AGA Olympic report said "It is to be regretted that weather conditions - heavy rain and extreme cold were dead against gymnastics in the open during the three days of Olympic contest - the 23rd, 24th \& 25th August. The exceptionally bad weather contributing largely to the withdrawal of our men from the individual contest, which was arranged on the 25th August."


## 27 men

GB's Team Coach and Leader was J. Cook. In the team, there were three gymnasts who, like J. Cook had served at the two previous Olympics at London 1908 and Stockholm 1912. They were: J. Cotterill (Birmingham), S. Hodgetts Birmingham) and S. Domville (Cardiff)
The British Olympic Team performed a massed drill exercise which lasted 20 minutes; S. Andrew, Albert Betts, A.G. Cocksedge, William Cowhig, Sidney Cross, H.S. Dawswell, J.E. Dingley, S. Domville, H.W. Doncaster, R.E. Edgecombe, W. Edwards, H.J. Finchett, Bernard Wallis Franklin, J. Harris, Samuel Hodgetts, Cotterill, Stanley Leigh, G.Masters, Ronald McLean, O. Morris, E.P. Ness, A.E. Page, A.O. Pinner, E. Pugh, H.W. Taylor, J.A. Walker, R.H. Zandell

5th place

1st - Giorgio Zampori ITA 2nd-Marco Torres FRA 3rd-Jean Gounot FRA
1st - ITA 2nd - BEL 3rd - FRA

4th - C7E
2nd-BEL
3rd - FRA

1st - DEN 2nd - NOR 1st - SWE 2nd - DEN 3rd - BEL


Summary

Team GB

GB results
Men's individual
Men's team
Results:
Men's individual
Men's team

- 72 gymnasts ( 72 men and no women) from 9 countries.
- Olympic programme was beginning to resemble its present day format: horizontal bar, parallel bar, rings, pommel horse, vault (long and side vault) and rope climb, plus a score for accuracy and presentation.
8 men
Stanley Leigh, Harry Brown, Henry Finchett, Frank Hawkins, Thomas Hopkins, Ernest Leigh (Stanley's brother), Samuel Humphreys, Albert Spencer

35th - Stanley Leig
40th - Harry Brown
43rd - Henry Finchett 6th place

1st - Leon Stukelj YUG
3rd - Bedrich Supcik TCH
1st - ITA
4th - YUG
2nd - FRA
5th - USA
6th - GB
the men's team at amsterdam


Top row-B. W. Frankhix (Team Mant left to right
Middle oow-E. WARrEs, Dolobraut, Bean Manager) and I. J. Cook (Coach and Monitor)


## AMSTERDAM 1928

7th - 10th August OLYMPIC STADIUM

Summary

Team GB
Men's
Manager
Coach and Monitor Team Leader
Team

Women's
Manager
Manag
Coach
Team

144 gymnasts ( 88 men and 56 women) from 11 countries

- Women compete in the Olympic Games for the first time.
- Teams composed of 12 gymnasts.
- Events: Group-free exercise \& choice of group exercise with hand apparatus; vaulting or rings.
- The official report on the GB men was that they were outclassed at this event. However, Arthur Whitford was the youngest member at 19 years and also the highest scorer in the GB team, but no medal.
- The GB womens team won the BRONZE but the gymnasts were unable to wait for their medals, as they could not afford to stay an extra day, so their medals were presented at a later date. The team wore short gym tunics 6 " above the knee, plus black stockings. This was considered pretty shocking by some members of society.
- Team Leader: Obi (Rudolf Oberholzer) was 70 years old. He retired following the Olympics. The Olympic medals for his girls were presented by him at his farewell dinner. His departure was a great loss to the NPI London (club) and English gymnastics.
20 (8 men and 12 women)
Bernard Wallis Franklin
John J. Cook
Rudolf Oberholzer
Gymnast
E. Warren
H.J. Fischett
J.C. Raynes
W. Cronin
E. Walton
.B. Parkinson
S. Humphreys

Bernard Wallis Franklin
John J. Cook
Gymnast
Margaret Hartley
Carrie Pickles
Annie Broadbent
Amy Jagger
Ada Smith
Lucy Desmond
Doris Woods
Jessie Kite
Queenie Judd

| Club |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Dolobran, Birmingham |  |
| YMCA Birmingham |  |
| NPI London |  |
| YMCA, Swansea |  |
| Bradford GC |  |
| Bolton Lads Club |  |
| YMCA Swansea |  |
| Bolton Lads Club |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Club |  |
| Bradford Yorks |  |
| Bradford Yorks |  |
| Halifax Yorks |  |
| Halifax Yorks |  |
| Leigh Lancs | Rudolf Oberholzer |
| NPI London | Rudolf Oberholzer |
| NPI London | Rudolf Oberholzer |
| NPI London | Rudolf Oberholzer |


|  | Midge Moreman Ethel Seymour | NPI London NPI London | Rudolf Oberholzer Rudolf Oberholzer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GB results |  |  |  |
| Men's individual | 63rd - Arthur Whitford <br> 79th - E. A. Walton <br> 83rd - Henry Finchett | 75th - E. W. Warren <br> 81st - T. B. Parkinson | 76th - Bart Cronin 82nd - G. C. Raynes |
| Men's team | 11th place |  |  |
| Women's team | 3rd place - BRONZE |  |  |
| Results |  |  |  |
| Men's individual | 1st - George Miez SUI <br> 3rd - Leon Stukelj YUG | 2nd - Hermann Hanggi |  |
| Men's team | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1st - SUI } \\ & \text { 4th - FRA } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2nd - TCH } \\ & \text { 5th - FIN } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3rd -YUG } \\ & \text { 6th -ITA } \end{aligned}$ |
| Women's team | 1st-HOL | 2nd - ITA | 3rd - GB |

## LOS ANGELES 1932

8th - 12th August MEMORIAL COLOSSEUM

Summary

Team GB
Results
Men's individual

Men's team

46 (46 men and no women) from 7 countries

- Floor exercise for men was performed for the first time in the Olympic programme.
- These were also the first and only Olympic Games where tumbling was included in the competition programme. The gold medal went to Roland Wolfe USA. Also Rope Climb - George Gulack, USA, gold medal.

British gymnasts were unable to compete because of high travel costs

1st - Romeo Heri ITA
2nd - Istvan Pelle HUN
3rd - Hekki llmari Savolainen FIG
1st - ITA
2nd - USA
5th - JPN
3rd - FIN

BERLIN 1936

Summary

- 175 (111 men and 64 women) from 16 countries.
- Introduction of the asymmetric bars for women
- Some teams chose to work asymmetric and some parallel bars. Photos of the event show both being worked
- Beam, vault and a team drill exercise completed the programme for women. - Most of the women's teams wore shorts for the competition, but the British



## LONDON 1948

9th - 11th August EMPRESS HALL, EARL'S COURT

Coach
John (Tubby) Atkins
"Bill" Buffin
ArthurWhitford Jim Atkinson

Arthur Whitford Bill Downing Jim Wright

Bill King

ArthurWhitford

## Coach

Lucy Desmond George Wheedon Carrie Pollard (nee Pickles) Walter Walsh Walter Walsh Carrie Pollard Carrie Pollard Carrie Pollard
Jim Atkinson

- 211 gymnasts ( 123 men and 88 women) from 19 countries.
- The event was due to be outdoors at Wembley Stadium, but incessant rain put a stop to this.
- No Individual all-around, only team ranking.
- Each country was allowed to bring and use their own apparatus
- Two coaches (Helmut Banz and Arthur Whitford). Helmut Bantz, a prisoner of war, was working on a farm near Leicester. He heard of the British Gymnastics Championships, coming to Leicester De Montfort Hall, and asked for permission to go to the event. There he met up with the British gymnasts and was able to demonstrate to them some of the high bar skills that they were struggling with. Helmut and Arthur, were great buddies and worked together training the team.
- Women's competition: Team composed of 8 gymnasts.
- Events: vaulting (compulsory \& optional), beam (compulsory \& optional), flying ring (compulsory), foor exercise (optional), group with hand apparatus.

Gymnast
George Wheedon
Ken Buffin Jack Flaherty Glyn Hopkins

Percy May Frank Turner

Alec Wales
vor Vice Frank Edmonds

Gymnast
Joan Airey
Claris M. Bell
issy Davies
Pat Evans
Dorothy Hey
ene Hu
Pat Hirst

Club Regent Street Polytechnic GC St. Aidens GC Swansea YMCA Woodhouse School of PE Swansea YMCA Broad Street Boys Club Tottenham Regent Street Polytechnic GC Swansea YMCA

Regent Street Polytechnic GC Saltaire Ladies GC

Swansea YMCA Swansea YMCA Saltaire Ladies GC Woodhouse

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## HELSINKI 1952

19th - 24th July MESSUHALLI HALL

Team GB
Men's
Manager
Coach
Team

## Women's <br> Manager

Coach
judge
Team

- 319 gymnasts ( 185 men and 134 women) from 30 countries
- The new era of gymnastics - emergence of Soviet Union

Women's competition: Team composed of 8 gymnasts.

- Events: Compulsory \& optional: vaulting, uneven parallel bars (1st time), balance beam, \& floor exercise.
- Individual competition in women's gymnastics was included in the Olympic programme for the first time, as well as a women's all-around competition
- Group exercise with hand apparatus was considered as a separate team competition for the first time, but it was included in the 9-exercises team competition. The selection of the hand apparatus was optional. Team competition was decided by totalling the 6 best scores in each of the 8 individual events ( 4 compulsory \& 4 optional) and the score obtained in the group exercise with hand apparatus.
- The British team used wooden hoops. They had to meet up to train together. This was done in various places around the country - London, Cardiff and Leeds etc. They had to take their ration cards with them.


## 14 (6 men and 8 women)

## Bill King

Arthur Whitford
Gymnast
Ken Buffin Jack Whitford Graham Harcourt Frank Turner

Peter Starling George Wheedon Swansea YMCA Broad Street Boys Club Tottenham Court Rd YMCA Norwich Priory GC Regent Street Polytechnic GC

Mrs Kilgour Carrie Pollard Vera Davies
Edna Gross
Gymnast Gwynedd Lewis (nee Lingard) Margaret Thomas nee Neale) Marjorie Raistrick rene Hirst Pat Hirst

Club
Grange Ladies
Athletic Club
Cardiff Central Boys Club Saltaire Ladies GC Saltaire Ladies GC Woodhouse School of PE

Coach
Bill Buffin
Arthur Whitford Arthur Whitford Bill Downing Jim Wright

John ‘Tubby’ Atkins

Women's team
Results
9 exercises combined

Group exercise with
hand apparatus
(8 gymnasts)
Men's individual

Men's team

Women's individual
Coach
Cecil Guy
Walter Maidment
Carrie Pollard
Carrie Pollard Jim Atkinson

Valerie Mullins Margo Morgan Cissie Davies

Swansea YMCA Swansea YMCA Swansea YMCA

Walter Walsh Walter Walsh Walter Walsh

73rd - Frank Turner 98th - Jack Whitford 115th - Ken Buffin
152nd - George Wheedon
160th - Graham Harcourt 167th - Peter Starling
21st place
78th - Gwynedd Lewis 89th - Pat Hirst 103rd - Cissie Davies 111th - Margo Morgan 112th - Margaret Thomas 115th - Irene Hirst 126th - Valerie Mullins 131st - Marjorie Raistrick 16th place

1st - USSR
2nd - HUN
3rd - CZE
1st - SUl (8 balls) 2nd - USSR (8 hoops) 3rd - HUN (16 clubs)

1st - Viktor Tchukarin USSR
2nd - Drant Shaginian USSR
3rd - JosefStalder SWI
1st - USSR
2nd - SUI
3rd - FIN
1st - Maria Gorohovskaya USSR
2nd - Nina Bocharova USSR
3rd - Margit Korond HUN
1st - USSR
2nd - HUN
3rd - CZE

## MELBOURNE 1956

3rd - 7th December WEST MELBOURNE STADIUM

| Summary | - 128 gymnasts ( 63 men and 65 women) from 21 countries. <br> - Women's competition - Team composed of 6 gymnasts. <br> - Events - same as in 1952. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Team GB | 3 (2 men and 1 woman) |  |  |
| Men's |  |  |  |
| Manager | Frank Edmonds |  |  |
| Team | Gymnast | Club | Coach |
|  | Nik Stuart MBE | Army Gymnastics | Tom Slavin |
|  |  | Union |  |
|  | Frank Turner | Tottenham Court | Bill Downing |
|  |  | Rd YMCA Broad | Jim Wright |
|  |  | Street Boys Club |  |
| Women's |  |  |  |
| Team | Gymnast | Club | Coach Jim Atkinson |
|  | Pat Hirst | Woodhouse |  |
|  |  | School of PE |  |
| GB results |  |  |  |
| Men's individual | 21st - Nik Stuart MBE | 53rd - Frank Turner |  |
| Women's individual | 60th - Pat Hirst |  |  |
| Results |  |  |  |
| Group exercise with hand apparatus (held for the last time) | 1st - HUN (6 ribbon) | 2nd - SWE (6 ball) | 3rd - USSR/POL (12 clubs) |
| Men's individual | 1st - Victor Tchukarin USSR |  |  |
|  | 2nd - Takashi Ono JPN | 3rd - Yuri Titov USSR |  |
| Men's team | 1st - USSR | 2nd - JPN | 3rd - FIN |
| Women's individual | 1st - Larissa Latinina USSR | 2nd - Agnes Keleti HUN | 3rd - Sofia Muratova USSR |
| Women's team | 1st - USSR | 2nd-HUN | 3rd - ROM |
| Womens team with and apparatus | 1st - HUN | 2nd-SWE | 3rd - POL |

Teams departing for the Rome 1960 Games


ROME 1960
5th - 10th September TERME DI CARACALLA

Women's
Team Manager
Coach
Team
Team

GB results
Men's individual

Men's team
Women's individual

Women's team

Summary

Team GB
Men's
Manager
Coach
Judge
Team

- 254 gymnasts ( 130 men and 124 women) from 33 countries.
- Beginning of the Japanese era in men's gymnastics.
- First reasonable showing on TV.
- Prior to these Games, the only uniform was a blazer and hat, but in Rome the tracksuit became the accepted additional item of clothing.
12 ( 6 men and 6 women)
Len Gross
Frank Turner
Bill Bolt

| Gymnast | Club | Coach |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Nik Stuart MBE | AGU | Tom Slavin |
| Ken Buffin | Cardiff Central | Bill Buffin |

Ken Buffin
Peter Starling Norwich Priory Dick Gradley AGU/Nik Stuart Jack Pancott AGU/Nik Stuart ohn Mulhall Cardiff Central Boys Club

Isabelle Walshaw
Edna Gross
Audrey Bates

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& \text { Auarey bal } \\
& \text { Gymnast }
\end{aligned}
$$

Gwynedd Lingard
(nee Lewis)
Marjorie Carter
(nee Raistrick)
Jill Pollard

Margaret Neale
(nee Thomas)
Dorothy Summers
Pat Perks

55th
5th - Nik Stuart M 19th place
103rd - Gwynedd Lingard 107th - Pat Perks 110th - Marjorie Raistrick 117th - Jill Pollard 17th place

Club
Grange Ladies Athletic Club Salts, Saltaire O.GC

Saltaire Ladies GC Cardiff Olympic GC

Mynachdy GC
Grange Ladies Athletic Club

99th - Dick Gradley 114th - Ken Buffin

107th - Pat Perks
108th - Margaret Thomas 118th -Dorothy Summers

Rome 1960 continued...
Results

| Men's individual | 1st - Boris Shaklin USSR | 2nd - Takashi Ono JPN | 3rd-Yury Titov USSR |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Men's team | 1st - JPN | 2nd-USSR | 3rd-ITA |
| Women's individual | 1st - Larissa Latinina USSR | 2nd-Sofia Muratova USSR |  |
|  | 3rd - Polina Astakhova USSR |  |  |
| Women's team | 1st - USSR | 2nd-CZE | 3rd - ROM |

TOKYO 1964
18th - 23rd October TOKYO METROPOLITAN GYMNASIUM


## MEXICO 1968

21st - 26th October AUDITORIO NACIONAL IN PASCO DE LA REFORMA
Summary

Team GB
Men's
Coach
Team

Women's
Coach
Judge
Team

| GB results |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Men's individual | 79th - Stan Wild <br> 91st - Michael Booth |
| Women's individual | 74th - Margret Bell <br> 78th - Mary Prestidge |
| Results |  |
| Men's individual | 1st - Sawao Kato JPN <br> 2nd - Michail Voronin USSR <br> 3rd - Akinori Nakayama JPN |
| Men's team | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1st - JPN } \\ & \text { 2nd - USSR } \\ & \text { 3rd - GDR } \end{aligned}$ |
| Women's individual | 1st - Vera Caslavska CZE <br> 2nd - Zinaida Voronina USSR <br> 3rd - Natalia Kuchinskaya USSR |
| Women's team | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1st - USSR } \\ & \text { 2nd - CZE } \\ & \text { 3rd - GDR } \end{aligned}$ |


| Club | Coach |
| :--- | :--- |
| Milnesbridge GC |  |
| Huddersfield GC |  |
| Leeds Athletic |  |
| Institute | Dick Gradley |
| Club |  |
| Ladywell GC | Coach <br> Bexley GC London <br> Ladywell GC Prestidge <br> Bexley GC London |



- 218 gymnasts ( 117 men and 101 women) from 30 countries.
- The most significant feature of Mexico was the Soviet defeat in both men and women's individual championships and the brilliant performance of Vera Caslavska, on the occasion of her farewell appearance.
It was after the Championships that Vera married Josef Odlozil - Czech 1500 metre champion. British gymnasts, Mary Prestidge, Maggie Bell and coach, Pauline Prestidge, attended the wedding in the Mexican church
4 (2 men and 2 women)
Nik Stuart MBE
Gymnas
Michael Booth
Stan Wild

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## MUNICH 1972

## 27th August - 1st September

 SPORTHALLE IN THE OLYMPIC PARKSummary

Team GB
Men's
Team Manager
Coach
Judge
Team

Women's
Coach
Judge
Team

- 231 gymnasts ( 113 men and 118 women) from 28 countries.
- Women's overall champion, Ludmila Tourischeva, was the real star.

Olga Korbut's Games.

- It seems that 2 or 3 days into the Olympics in Munich, the weather was bad and TV was not able to see any of the equestrian events, so it was decided to film an indoor sport. So, the gymnastics women's all-around finals were beamed to the world. What a sensation that proved to be. Just because of one 17 year Soviet gymnast, the world opened its eyes to gymnastics.
- Up until 1972, any number of team members could qualify for a final. For instance, in 1972 there were 5 Japanese gymnasts in the all-around top 36 gymnasts Final**, and they came 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th \& 8th. Similarly, in the high bar final, there were 5 gymnasts from Japan taking the top 5 places, although this would change in 1976
* The overall final in the present time is now 24 maximum.

9 (3 men and 6 women)

| Frank Edmonds |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Nik Stuart MBE |  |
| Jack Scrivener |  |
| Gymnast | Club |
| Stan Wild | Leeds AI |
| Eddie Arnold | Leeds AI |
| Bill Norgrove | AGU |

Pauline Prestidge
Ursel Free (Baer)
Gymnast
Pamela Hutchinson
Elaine Willett

Barbara Alred
Avril Lennox
Pamela Hardwicke (nee Hopkins) Yvonne Mugridge (now Arnold)

Club
Fulwell-Whitburn GC Sunderland Ladywell GC London Saltaire Ladies GC Yorkshire Charles Keene College GC Leics Penarth GC South Wales Ladywell GC -ondon

Coach
Dick Gradley
Dick Gradley Bert Dooley and Jack Scrivener

## Coach

 June GroomPauline Prestidge
Jill Coulton (nee Pollard)
Harold Davies
Gwynedd Lingard
Pauline Prestidge

GB results
Men's individual

Women's individual

Women's team
Results
Men's individual

Men's team

Women's individual

Women's team

93rd - Stan Wild 103rd - Eddie Arnold 107th - Bill Norgrove 99th - Pamela Hutchinson 101st - Elaine Willett 107th - Barbara Alred 11th - Avril Lennox 114th - Pamela Hardwicke
116th - Yvonne Mugridge 18th place

1st - Sawao Kato JPN 2nd - Eitso Kenmotsu JPN
3rd - Akinory Nakayama JPN

1st - JPN
2nd - USSR
3rd - GDR
1st - Ludmila Tourischeva USSR
2nd - Karin Janz GDR
3rd - Tamara Lazakovich USSR
1st - USSR
2nd - GDR
3rd - HUN


## MONTREAL 1976

Team GB
Men's
Team Manager
Coach
Judge
Team

Women's
Coach

Team
Pauline Prestidge
Ursel Free (Baer)

> Gymnast
> Avril Lennox

Barbara Slater
Susan Cheesebrough
Charles Keene College Leicester Redditch and Bromsgrove GC Tameside GC Stalybridge

82nd - Tommy Wilson
73rd - Ian Neal 35th - Avril Lennox 79th - Susan Cheesebrough

1st - Nikolay Andrianov USSR 2nd - Sawao Kato JPN 3rd - Mitsuo Tsukahara JPN
1st - JPN 2nd-USSR
1st - Nadia Comaneci ROU
2nd - Nelli Kim USSR 3rd - Ludmila Tourischeva USSR

GB results
Men's individual
Women's individual

Results
Men's individual

Men's team
Women's individual

- 176 gymnasts ( 90 men and 86 women) from 23 countries.

Rule change: Only 3 gymnasts from any one country could compete in the top 36 for the all-around and 2 for the individual apparatus. all-around final, was not so happy that amazing gymnasts such as Elvira Saadi \& Swetlana Grozdova (both USSR) could not compete. Nadia Comaneci's Games - six times perfect 10. Nikolay Andrianov breaks Japanese hegemony.
6 (3 men and 3 women)
George Whiteley
Nik Stuart MBE
Bill Williams
Gymnast
Ian Neal
Tommy Wilson
Jeff Davis

Pauline Prestidg

Club
Coventry GC Hendon GC
London
Carnegie College GC Leeds

Avril Lennox, although pleased with her 35th position and taking part in the

Coach
John Atkinson MBE Billy Wills

George Whiteley and Dick Gradley

Coach
Harold Davies
Bill Slater and
John Reeves Norman Gough and Bill McLoughlin

85th - Jeff Davis


## MOSCOW 1980

Summary

## Team GB

Men's
Manager
Coach
Judges
Team

Women's
Coach
Judge
Team

GB results
Men's individual
Women's individual

## Results

Men's team
Men's individual

Women's team
Women's individual

127 gymnasts ( 65 men and 62 women) from 18 countries

- Boycott of the Western Countries however GB take part.

6 (3 men and 3 women)
David Eagling
ohn Atkinson MBE
Jack Scrivener and Paul William

| Tommy Wilson | Hendon GC London | Billy Wills |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Barry Winch | Bush Harlow | Mitch Fenner |
|  | GC Essex |  |
| Keith Langley | Coventry GC | Geoff Langley (father) |


| Annette Stapleton <br> Sue Thomas <br> Gymnast | Club |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Suzanne Dando | Ladywell GC | Coach <br> Joyce Macauley and <br> Brian Dewhurst |
| Denise Jones <br> Susan Cheesebrough | Huddersfield GC <br> Tameside GC | Janet Mitchell (Fidler) <br> Norman Gough and <br> Bill McLoughlin |
| 30th - Barry Winch 31st - Tommy Wilson <br> 23rd - Denise Jones 27th - Suzanne Dando | 35th - Keith Langley |  |
| 28th - Susan Cheesebrough |  |  |

28th - Susan Cheesebrough
1st - USSR 2nd - GDR
3rd - HUN
1st - Alexander Ditiatin USSR 2nd - Nikolai Andrianov USSR
3rd - Stoyan Deltchev BUL
st - USSR
2nd - ROU
3rd - GDR

1st - Yelena Davidova USSR
2nd - Nadia Comaneci ROM, Maxi Gnauck GDR (equal 2nd)

## LOS ANGELES 1984

| Summary | - 136 gymnasts ( 71 men and 65 women) from 19 countries. <br> - Mary Lou Retton wins the first Olympic title for the USA. Two perfect tens on vault. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Team GB | 12 (6 men and 6 women) |  |  |
| Men's |  |  |  |
| Manager | Paul Williams |  |  |
| Coach | John Atkinson MBE |  |  |
| Judges | Ron Smith \& Paul Barnes |  |  |
| Team | Gymnast | Club | Coach |
|  | Andrew Morris | Swansea YMCA | Leigh Jones |
|  | Keith Langley | Coventry GC | Geoff Langley |
|  | Terry Bartlett | Southampton A.GC | Bill Cosgrove and |
|  |  | Penn State University | Carl Schweir |
|  | Eddie Van Hoof | Hendon GC | Billy Wills |
|  | Carl Beynon | Swansea YMCA | Leigh Jones |
|  | Barry Winch | Bush Harlow | Mitch Fenner |
|  |  | GC Essex |  |
| Women's |  |  |  |
| Coaches | Colin Still \& J. Lewis |  |  |
| Judge | Avril Spriggs |  |  |
| Team | Gymnast | Club | Coach |
|  | Natalie Davis | Cray Valley GC | Joyce Macauley |
|  | Amanda Harrison now Reddin | Loughton GC | Colin and Christine Still |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | Kathy Williams | Huddersfield GC | Janet Fidler |
|  | Sally Larner | Redditch and | John Reeves |
|  |  | Bromsgrove GC |  |
|  | Hayley Price | Redditch and | John Reeves |
|  |  | Bromsgrove GC |  |
|  | Lisa Young | Park GC | Bunty Lee |
| GB results |  |  |  |
| Men's individual | 24th - Andrew Morris <br> 54th - Barry Winch | 34th - Keith Langley <br> 64th - Carl Banon | 36th - Terry Bartlett <br> 69th - Eddie Van Hoof |
| Men's team | 9th place |  |  |
| Women's individual | 20th - Natalie Davis | 22nd - Amanda Harrison | 25th - Kathy Williams |
|  | 43rd - Lisa Young | 43rd - Hayley Price | 48th - Sally Larner |
| Women's team | 7th place |  |  |
| Results |  |  |  |
| Men's individual | 1st - Koji Gushiken JPN | 2nd - Peter Vidmar USA | 3rd - LI Ning CHN |
| Men's team | 1st-USA | 2nd-CHN | 3rd - JPN |

Los Angeles 1984 continued..

| Women's individual | 1st - Mary Lou Retton USA |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 2nd - Ekaterina Szabo ROM |
|  | 3rd - Simona Pauca ROM |
| Women's team | 1st - ROM |

2nd - USA
3rd - CHN

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Summary
Team GB
Men's
Manager
Coach
Judge
Team

Team
Team

## Women's

Coaches
Judge
Team

GB results
Men's individual
Women's individual
Results
Men's individual

Men's team
Women's individual

Women's team

- 179 gymnasts ( 89 men and 90 women) from 28 countries
- Gymnastics at its best.

4 (2 men and 2 women)
Alex Strachan
Eddie Van Hoof
Dick Russell
Gymnast
Terry Bartlett
Andrew Morris
Colin Still
Hazel Malpass
Gymnast
Karen Hargate
Karen Kennedy

Karen Kennedy

75th - Terry Bartlett 81st - Karen Hargate

Club
Southampton AGC Penn State University USA Swansea YMCA

Coach
Bill Cosgrove and Carl Schweir Leigh Jones

1st - Vladimir Artemov USSR 2nd - Valery Lukin USSR 3rd Dmitry Bilozerchev USSR

1st - USSR
2nd - GDR
1st - Elena Shushunova USSR 2nd - Daniella Silivas ROU
3rd - Svetlana Boginskaya USSR
1st - USSR
2nd - ROM
3rd - GDR


## BARCELONA 1992

27th-31st July
PALAU D'ESPORTES SANT
JORDI

## ATLANTA 1996 <br> 20th - 25th July and 28th - 29th July <br> GEORGIA DOME

| Summary | - 216 gymnasts ( 111 men and 105 women) from 36 countries. <br> - Compulsories performed for the last time. <br> - Kerri Strug's vault brings Gold to US women's team. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Team GB | 4 (2 men and 2 women) |  |  |
| Men's |  |  |  |
| Team Leader | Bunny Warren |  |  |
| Coach | Eddie Van Hoof |  |  |
| Judge | Bill McLoughlin and Gary Kirby |  |  |
| Team | Gymnast | Club | Coach |
|  | Lee McDermott | Sutton School | Simon Moore |
|  |  | of Gymnastics |  |
|  |  | London |  |
|  | Dominic Brindle | Leeds GC | Lajos Sovago |
| Women's |  |  |  |
| Coach | Rod Smith |  |  |
| Judge | Lyn Fairbrother |  |  |
| Team | Gymnast | Club | Coach |
|  | Annika Reeder | South Essex GC | Rod Smith |
|  |  | Basildon |  |
|  | Sonia Lawrence Ashford Middlesex | Spelthorne GC | Gareth Davies |
|  |  |  |  |
| GB results |  |  |  |
| Men's individual | 55th - Lee McDermott | 59th - Dominic |  |
| Women's individual | 64th - Annika Reeder | 71st - Sonia Lawrence |  |
| Results |  |  |  |
| Men's individual | 1st - Li Xiaoshuang CHN 3rd - Vitaly Scherbo BLR | 2nd - Alexei Nemov RUS |  |
|  |  | 3rd - Vitaly Scherbo BLR |  |
| Men's team | 1st - RUS | 2nd-CHN | 3rd - UKR |
| Women's individual | 1st - Lilia Podkopaeva UKR |  |  |
|  | 2nd - Gina Gogean ROM |  |  |
|  | 3rd - Simona Amanar ROM |  |  |
| Women's team | 1st - USA | 2nd-RUS | 3rd-ROU |

## SMD EV2000 16th-25th and 22nd-23rd September SYDNEY SUPER DOME

Summary
Team GB
Men's
Team Leade
Coaches
Judge
Team

Women's
Coaches
Judges
Team

Men's individual
Women's individual

- 194 gymnasts ( 97 men and 97 women) from 43 countries.
- Team final introduced.

7 (1 man and 6 women)

Paul Garber
Martin Reddin
Andy Tombs
Gymnast Craig Heap

Club
North Tyne GC Newcastle

Coach
Mike Redmond

Team GB
Women's
Manag
Assistant coaches

## Judge

Team
Avril Spriggs and Lyn Fairbrother

| Gymnast | Club <br> Lisa Mason | Coach <br> Terry Sharpington and <br> Monika Desalermos |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Emma Williams | City of Liverpool GC | Amanda Kirby <br> (now Reddin) |
| Annika Reeder | South Essex GC <br> Bas and Pauline Smith |  |
| Sharna Murray | Alderwood GC <br> Eltham | Marion and John James |
| Kelly Hackmann | Woking <br> Saula Thomas | South Essex GC <br> Basildon |
| Melissa Wilcox | Easton GC Bristol | Clem Malcolmson |
| Rod and Pauline Smith |  |  |

2nd - Craig Heap
23rd - Lisa Mason
31st - Emma Williams
7 And

Oth place
st - Alexei Nemov RUS 2nd - YANG Wei CHN
3rd - Olexander Beresh UKR

1st - Simona Amanar ROU 2nd - Maria Olaru ROM 3rd - LIU Xuan CHN
2nd - RUS
$3 \mathrm{rd}-\mathrm{CHN}$

## ATHENS 2004

14th - 23rd August OLYMPIC INDOOR HALL


## BEIJING 2008

9th/19th August
NATIONAL INDOOR STADIUM

Summary

Team GB
Men's
Coaches
Judge
Team

Women's
Manager
Coaches
Judge
Team

GB results
Men's individual
Women's individual

Women's team
Results
Men's individual

Men's team

- 196 gymnasts ( 98 men and 98 women) from 40 countries
- Historic Games for British Gymnastics - 100 years after Walter Tysall's Silver medal in London 1908, Louis Smith achieved the second Individual Olympic medal for Great Britain - BRONZE on pommel horse.
- These Games will be remembered, with the Chinese sweep across the men's competition ( 7 out of the 8 titles) with only Leszek Blanik from Poland winning the Gold on vault.
- Nastia Liukin (USA) took the women's all-around title in style.

8 (2 men and 6 women)

| Paul Hall |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Andy Tombs |  | Coach |
| Gymnast | Club | Paul Hall |
| Louis Smith | Huntingdon OGC | Paul Hall |
| Daniel Keatings | Huntingdon OGC | Par |

Colin Still and Corina Morosan
Robin Leeworthy
Gymnast Club
Beth Tweddle MBE Rebecca Downie Marissa King

Rebecca Wing
mogen Cairns
Hannah Whelan
The Academy Bristo City of Liverpool

Paul Hall

20th - Daniel Keatings, (equal best with Neil Thomas, 1992)
41st - Louis Smith, (BRONZE pommel horse)
12th - Rebecca Downie, (best aa achievement ever)
33rd - Imogen Cairns 42nd - Marissa King 72nd - Rebecca Wing
77th - Hannah Whelan
80th - Beth Tweddle MBE (4th on uneven bars - best achievement ever) 9th place
st - YANG Wei CHN 2nd - Kohei Uchimura JPN
3rd - Benoit Caranobe FRA
1st - CHN 2nd - JPN

| Women's individual | 1st - Nastia Liukin USA |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 2nd - Shawn Johnson USA |
|  | 3rd - YANG Yilin CHN |
| Women's team | 1st - CHN |
|  | 2nd - USA |
|  | 3rd - ROU |

## LONDON 2012

28th July - 7th August NORTH GREENWICH ARENA

Team GB
Women's


Coaches
GB results

Final ranking
Results
Men's Team
Men's Individual
Floor
Pommels
Rings

Vault
P.Bars

High Bar

Eddie Van Hoof, Andre Popov
Louis Smith - SILVER pommel horse
Max Whitlock - BRONZE pommel horse
Kristian Thomas - 7th place all-around; 8th vault
Daniel Purvis - 13th place
3rd place and bronze medal out of 12 teams taking part

| 1st-CHN 2nd - JPN | 3rd - GBR |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1st - Kohei Ushimura JPN | 2nd - Marcel Nguyen GER | 3rd - Danell Leyva USA |
| 1st-ZOU Kai CHN | 2nd - Kohei Uchimura JPN | 3rd - Denis Ablyazin RUS |
| 1st - Krisztian Berki HUN | 2nd - Louis Smith GBR | 3rd - Max Whitlock GBR |
| 1st - Arthur Nabarrete Zane | 2tti BRA 2nd-CHENY | CHN |
| 3rd - Matteo Morandi ITA |  |  |
| 1st - YANG Hak Seon KOR | 2nd - Denis Ablyazin RUS | 3rd - Igor Radivilov UKR |
| 1st - FENG Zhe CHN | 2nd - Marcel Nguyen GER | 3rd - Hamilto Sabot FR |
| 1st - Epke Zonderland NED | 2nd - Fabian Hambuechen | GER |
| 3rd - ZOU Kai CHN |  |  |

## RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

## LOS ANGELES 1984

9th/11th August PAULEY PAVILION

33 women from 20 countries

- Olympic debut.

Boycott by the Eastern European countries.

| Team GB |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Coach | Jenny Bott |  |  |
| Pianist | Mr Bentley | Club | Coach |
| Team | Gymnast | Lerraine Priest | Leeds GC |$\quad$ Anne Talyntyre

SEOUL 1988
29th/30th September OLYMPIC PARK GYMNASTICS HALL

| Summary | - 39 women from 23 countries. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Team GB |  |  |  |
| Coach | Helen Roberts |  |  |
| Gymnast | Gymnast Lisa Black | Club <br> Northampton GC | Coach Jenny Bott |
| GB results | 38th - Lisa Black |  |  |
| Results | 1st - Marina Lob <br> 3rd - Alexandra | 2nd - Adriana Du o USSR | vska BUL |

6th/8th August PALAU DELS ESPORTS DE BARCELONA

Summary

## Team GB

Coach
Team

GB results

42 women from 23 countries
The most successful British representation to date

| Irina Viner | Club | Coach |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Gymnast | Liverpool RGC | Margaret White |
| Debbie Southwick | Hillingdon SofG London | Heather Richards |
| Viva Seifert | 29th - Viva Seifert |  |
| 21st - Debbie Southwick | 29 |  |

## Results 1st - Alexandra Timoshenko CIS <br> 2nd - Oxana Skaldina UKR <br> 3rd - Carolina Pascual ES

## ATLANTA 1996

1st/4th August STEGEMAN COLISEUM ATHENS, GEORGIA
Summary
Results
Individual
Group

- 90 women from 22 countries

Debut for the RG Groups of 6 gymnasts
No British competitors.
st - Ekaterian Serebrianskaya UKR
2nd - Yanina Batyrchina RUS
3rd - Elena Vitrichenko UKR
1st - ESP 2nd - BUL
3rd - RUS
SYDNEY 2000
28th September/1st October SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

Summary

Results
Individual

Group
ATHENS 2004

84 women from 21 countries
Summary
Team GB
Coach
Gymnast

GB results
Results
Individual

Group
84 women from 20 countries
Unexpected winner - Yulia Barsukova of Russia
No British competitors. 3rd - Alina Kabaeva RUS
st - RUS 2nd - BLR

1st - Yulia Barsukova RUS 2nd - Inna Zhukova BLR

3rd - GRE
24th/29th August GALATSI OLYMPIC HALL

| Nadia Alexandrova |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gymnast | Club | Coach |
| Hannah McKibbin | Spelthorne GC Ashford Middlesex | Savina Georgieva |
| 21st - Hannah McKibbin |  |  |
| 1st - Alina Kabaeva RUS | 2nd - Irina Tchachina RUS |  |
| 3rd - Anna Bessonova UKR |  |  |
| 1st - RUS | 2nd - ITA | 3rd - BUL |

Summary

## Results

Individual

Group

- 95 women from 21 countries.
- No British competitors.

1st - Evgenia Kanaeva RUS 2nd - Inna Zhukova BLR 3rd - Anna Bessonova UKR
1st - RUS
2nd - CHN
3rd - BLR

## LONDON 2012

Summary

- For the first time Great Britain was represented in both the Individual and the Group events.
- Evgeniya Kanaeva of Russia made history by becoming the first back-to-back Olympic champion at the individual all-around.
- Russia kept their dominance by winning both available titles (individual and group).


London 2012 - GBR Rhythmic group
st - Evgeniya Kanaeva RUS 2nd - Daria Dmitrieva RUS
3rd - Liubou Charkashyna BLR

## Coach



Hannah Walker \& Marion Sand Sarah Moon Sally Holmes Deb Hows Sarah Smith Sarah Moon

TRAMPOLINE GYMNASTICS

## SYDNEY 2000

22nd-23rd September SYDNEY SUPER DOME

Summary

Team GB
Coach
Team
Men's
Women's
GB Results
Men's
,

Results
Men's individual

Women's individual

20th - 21st August OLYMPIC INDOOR HALL

## ATHENS 2004

BEIJING 2008

- Olympic debut.

24 gymnasts ( 12 men and 12 women) from 16 countries.
john Beer
Gymnast
Lee Brearley
Jaime Moore

Salford Northampton

Coach
Steve Moreton
Tracy Whittaker

6th place
12th place
Summary
Team GB
Women's
Gymnast
Club
Coach
GB results
Women's
Results:
Men's individual

Women's individual
1st - Alexander Moskalenko RUS
2nd - Ji Wallace AUS
3rd - Mathieu Turgeon CAN
1st - Irina Karavaeva RUS
2nd - Oksana Tsyhuleva UKR
3rd - Karen Cockburn CAN

Summary
Team GB
Coach
Team
Men's
Women's
GB Results
Men's
Women's
Results
Men's individual

Women's individual
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Nomen's

- 32 gymnasts ( 16 men and 16 women) from 20 countries.

| John Beer  <br> Gymnast Club | Coach |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Gary Smith | Jumpers TC Gillingham | Martin Laws |
| Kirsten Lawton | Edgbarrow TC | Sue Lawton |

## LONDON 2012

- 32 gymnasts ( 16 men and 16 women) from 17 countries. China sweep the titles.

Claire Wright
Olga GC Poole Nigel Rendell

10th - Claire Wright

1st - LU Chunlong CHN 3rd - DONG Dong CHN 1st - HE Wenna CHN 2nd - Jason Burnett CAN 2nd - Karen Cockburn CAN 3rd - Ekaterina Khilko UZB

NORTH GREENWICH ARENA a slender margin of 0.010 pts to Victoria by British a female Trampoline gymnast at an Olympic Cames.

- Dong Dong from China took the men's Olympic title while the Canadian Rosannah MacLennan wrote history for Canada by winning the first Olympic title in Trampoline for her country.
- China was the most successful nation in the Trampoline event by winning 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals, while Canada had 1 gold and Russia 1 silver medal.
- The oldest gymnast was the 2004 Athens Olympic.champion Annà Dogonadze GER, 39 who competed in her fourth Olympic Games.
Team GB
Women's Gymnast
Club
Coach
Team GB Coach

Results
Men

Kat Driscoll
Apollo
William Leach
Tracey Whittaker-Smith
9th - Kat Driscoll

## MEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS



KRISTIAN THOMAS
DOB: 14/02/1989
Hometown: Wolverhampton
Club: Earls Gymnastics Club Coach: Michelle Bradley and Andrei Popov

Ever present in the British gymnastics team since coming to prominence back in 2008, Kristian helped the team to bronze at the 2012 Olympics in London, and silver at the World Championship in 2015.


Brinn was one of Britain's top junior gymnasts and was part of the GB team that took gold at the 2012 Junior European Championships. At the 2015 European Games he won pommel horse bronze before being part of the British team that won silver at the 2015 World Championships.

As a senior Nile has won medals at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, the 2015 World Championships (team silver) and most recently at the 2016 European Championships where he became high bar champion.



LOUIS SMITH MBE DOB: 22/04/1989 Hometown: Peterborough Club: Huntingdon Gym Club Coach: Paul Hall

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At the 2008 Olympics, Louis took pommel horse bronze and went one better in 2012, winning silver in London along with team bronze. He also won team silver at the 2015 World Championships and 2016 European Championships.


## MAX WHITLOCK

DOB: 13/01/1993
Hometown: Hemel Hempstead
Club: South Essex Gym Club
Coach: Scott Hann

One of Britain's most successful gymnasts, Max has won a host of medals at major championships, including 4 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze (2 Olympic, 3 World and 6 European). In 2015 he became GB's frst ever male World Champion winning pommel gold.

## WOMEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS



## REBECCA DOWNI

DOB: 24/01/1992
Hometown: Nottingham Club: Notts Gymnastics Academy Coach: Jo Mille

A two-time British all-around champion, Becky finished a British record 12th place in the all-around at the 2008 Olympics. At the 2016 European Championships, she replicated her 2014 performance, becoming bars champion.


## ELLIE DOWNIE

DOB: 20/07/1999
Hometown: Nottingham Club: Notts Gymnastics Academy Coach: Jo Miller

Following success as a junior, Ellie has impressed in the senior ranks, claiming three European Championship medals, including team and floor silver in 2016, and team bronze at the 2015 World Championships.


CLAUDIA FRAGAPANE
DOB: 24/10/1997
Hometown: Bristol
Club: Bristol Hawks
Coach: Helen Potter and Rory Weavers

Claudia burst on to the scene in 2014 at the Commonwealth Games, and has since won two silvers at the European Championships and one bronze at the World Championships.


## AMY TINKLER

DOB: 27/10/1999 Hometown: Bishop Auckland Club: South Durham Gym Club Coach: Nic Preston and Rach Wright

Since turning senior in 2015, Amy has won the allaround British title, two British floor gold's as well as being part of the GB team that famously won bronze at the World Championships.


## RUBY HARROLD

DOB: 04/06/1996
Hometown: Stevenage
Club: The Academy
Coach: Liz Kincaid and Nia
Edwards

A two-time European Championship team silver medallist (2014 and 2016), Ruby also played a big part in the team's success at the World Championships in 2015 when Britain won bronze.

## TRAMPOLINE GYMNASTICS



KAT DRISCOLL
DOB: 13/03/1986
Hometown: Houghton-le-
Spring
Club: Apollo
Coach: Gary Short

One of Britain's most successful trampoline gymnasts, Kat has won 16 medals at major championships, including 5 gold's.


## BRYONY PAGE

DOB: 10/12/1990
Hometown: Nantwich/Crewe
Club: Sheffield Trampoline
Academy
Coach: Paul Greaves

A member of the 2011 GB team that won silver at the World Championships, Bryony helped the team go one better in 2013 when they won gold. A two time European Championships Team gold medallist and three times British Champion.


## NATHAN BAILEY

DOB: 24/07/1993
Hometown: Bournemouth
Club: OLGA, Poole
Coach: Brian Camp and Nigel Rendell

Nathan secured our place at the Olympics in Rio with a brilliant performance under pressure in the Rio test event earlier this year. He also won bronze at the 2016 European Championships.

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