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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.
1900	Paris	The Games were held as part of the 1900 World's Fair.
1904	St. Louis	The competition was reduced to a side-show of the World's Fair and were lost in other cultural exhibits.
1906	Athens	These intermediary games were organized to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the first modern Olympic Games in Athens 1896.
1908	London	Walter Tysall (Birmingham Athletic Institute) - <b>SILVER</b> , first Olympic medal for GB.
1912	Stockholm	British men's team - <b>BRONZE</b>
1916	Berlin	Games cancelled due to the first world war.
1920	Antwerp	British men's team compete.
1924	Paris	British men's team compete.
1928	Amsterdam	Women compete for the first time. British women's team (12 gymnasts) - <b>BRONZE</b>
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).
1936	Berlin	British women's team compete. 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.
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.
1952	Helsinki	The new era of gymnastics and the emergence of the Soviet Union.  British men's and women's teams compete: 6 men and 8 women.

1956	Melbourne	Europe catches the Games in the middle of the night with the first media coverage. British men and women compete: 2 men and 1 woman.
1960	Rome	Beginning of the Japanese era in men's gymnastics. British men's and women's teams compete: 3 men and 6 women. First extensive showing on TV.
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).
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.
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.
1976	Montreal	Nadia Comaneci's first perfect 10.00 (awarded 6 times) The host city incurs a debt that is still being paid off today. British men's and women's teams compete: 3 men and 3 women.
1980	Moscow	The first mass boycott. Many western nations do not attend. Nikolai Andrianov's farewell. British men's and women's teams compete: 3 men and 3 women.
1984	Los Angeles	Eastern Europe boycott the Games. The Games however are franchised and make a profit. British men's and women's teams compete: 6 men and 6 women.  Natalie Davis - 20th place in all-around.  Debut of rhythmic gymnastics.

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1988	Seoul	The most unique and spectacular opening and closing ceremonies. British men and women compete: 2 men and 2 women.
1992	Barcelona	Regarded as 'the best Olympic Games', The end of the Soviet era Men's team: 6 men - 12th place; Neil Thomas MBE - 20th and James May - 33rd all-around.
1996	Atlanta	Bela Karolyi and Keri Strugg become 'The Image' of the Games. British mens and women compete: 2 men and 2 women. Compulsory set exercises were dropped.
2000	Sydney	Australia ran the 'Greatest Games' British women's team and individual man: 1 man and 6 women. Debut of Trampolining - Lee Brearley - 6th; Jaime Moore - 12th A team final in artistic is introduced.
2004	Athens	Big judging problems. 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, <b>BRONZE</b> on pommel horse. British women's team: 6 women, 2 men, 1 female trampolinist.
2012	London	Louis Smith <b>SILVER</b> on pommel horse. Max Whitlock <b>BRONZE</b> on pommel horse. Beth Tweddle <b>BRONZE</b> on uneven bars. Men's team <b>BRONZE</b> - Max Whitlock, Louis Smith MBE, 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

2000 Sydney

2012 London

#### ARTISTIC

ARTISTIC Men's all-around			
richis dir diodrid	SILVER 7th place	Walter Tysall Kristian Thomas	1908 London 2012 London
Men's apparatus Pommel horse Pommel horse Pommel horse	BRONZE SILVER BRONZE	Louis Smith MBE Louis Smith MBE Max Whitlock	2008 Beijing 2012 London 2012 London
Men's team	BRONZE BRONZE	Louis Smith MBE Max Whitlock Sam Oldham Kristian Thomas Daniel Purvis	1912 Stockholm 2012 London
Women's all-around	12th place	Becky Downie	2008 Beijing
Women's apparatus Uneven bars Women's team	BRONZE	Beth Tweddle MBE	2012 London
womensteam	BRONZE 6th place	Hannah Whelan Beth Tweddle MBE Imogen Cairns Rebecca Tunney Jennifer Pinches	1928 Amsterdam 2012 London
Rhythmic individual	21st place 21st place	Debbie Southwick Hannah McKibbin	1992 Barcelona 2004 Athens
TRAMPOLINING Men's trampolining			

6th place Lee Brearley

9th place Kat Driscoll

Women's trampolining

### **ATHENS 1896**

9th/10th April PANATHINAIKOS STADIUM

Summary

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

### **PARIS 1900**

29th/30th July

Summary

- 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

Summary

- 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.

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

- 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.

Results

Men's individual 1st - Julius Lenhart USA\* 2nd - Wilhelm Weber GER

3rd - Adolf Spinnler SUI

Men's triathlon 1st - Adolf Spinnler SUI 2nd - Julius Lenhart USA

3rd - Wilhelm Weber GER

Men's team 1st - Philadelphia Turngemeinde USA

2nd - New York Turnverein USA

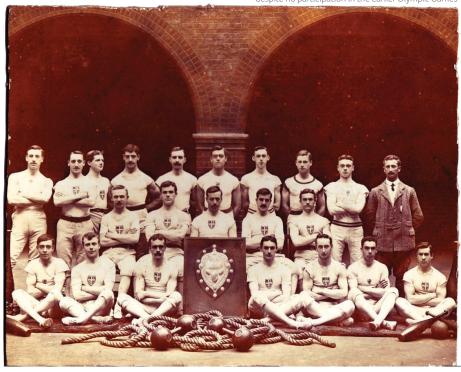
3rd - Central Turnverein, Chicago USA

Men's combined 1st - Anton Heida USA 2nd - George Eyser USA

3rd - William Merz USA

 $\hbox{$^*$ Julius Lenhart represented the USA due to the club he was with, despite being an Austrian citizen.}$ 

Popularity of gymnastics grew throughout the early 1900s despite no participation in the earlier Olympic Games



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### **ATHENS 1906**

#### 22nd April -2nd May **PANATHINAIKOS STADIUM**

#### Summary

- 104 gymnasts (104 men and no women) from 9 countries.
- These intermediary games were organized to celebrate the 10th 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).

#### Results

Men's individual 1st - Pierre Paysse FRA

2nd - Alberto Braglia ITA 3rd - Georges Charmoille FRA

Men's team 3rd - ITA 1st - NOR 2nd - DEN

> Early 1900s outdoor gymnastic training



## LONDON 1908 WHITE CITY STADIUM, SHEPHERDS BUSH

65 men

13th - 18th July

#### Summary

- 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, flying rings, still rings, vault).

#### Team GB

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,

#### GB results

Men's individual

2nd - Walter Tysall (Birmingham Athletic Institute, B.A.I.) -

John Whitaker, F. Whitehead

**SILVER**, first Olympic medal for GB

6th - Samuel Hodgetts

9th - Edward W. Potts

8th place

Results

Men's team

Men's Individual

Mass team

1st - Alberto Braglia ITA 2nd - Walter Tysall GB

3rd - Louis Segura FRA

1st - SWE

2st - NOR

3rd - FIN

4th - DEN 5th - FRA

6th - ITA

7th - HOL

8th - GBR

Walter Tysall, Bronze in men's individual all-around

### **STOCKHOLM 1912**

6th - 15th July **OLYMPIC STADIUM** 

Summary

• 249 gymnastic participants (249 men and no women) from 12 countries.

• Individual competition included high bar, parallel bars, pommels and rings.

Team GB

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

GB results

Men's team 3rd place - BRONZE

Results

Men's individual 1st - Alberto Braglia ITA

2nd - Louis Segura FRA

3rd - A. Tunesi ITA

Men's team 1st - ITA

2nd - HUN

3rd - GBR

Mens all-around free system

1st - NOR 2nd - FIN

3rd - DEN

Mens all-around

1st - SWE

Swedish system

2nd - DEN

3rd - NOR



Stockholm 1912. Officials of the British Gymnastics team; C. J. West, R. Oberholzer and P. W. Nicholson

### **ANTWERP 1920**

22nd -29th August **OLYMPIC STADIUM. CHAMPS** DE BEERSCHOT

#### Summary

- 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."

#### Team GB

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)

Mass team

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, J. 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

#### GB results

Mass team 5th place

#### Results

Men's individual 1st - Giorgio Zampori ITA 2nd - Marco Torres FRA 3rd - Jean Gounot FRA

Mass team 1st - ITA 2nd - BEL 4th - CZE 5th - GBR

Mens all-around 1st - DEN free system 2nd - NOR

1st - SWE Mens all-around 2nd - DEN Swedish system

3rd - BEL



Antwerp 1920 British Gymnastics team

3rd - FRA

### **PARIS 1924**

17th - 20th July STADE DE COLOMBES

Summary

• 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.

Team GB

8 men

Stanley Leigh, Harry Brown, Henry Finchett, Frank Hawkins, Thomas Hopkins, Ernest Leigh (Stanley's brother), Samuel Humphreys, Albert Spencer

GB results

Men's individual

35th - Stanley Leigh

40th - Harry Brown

43rd - Henry Finchett

Men's team

6th place

Results:

Men's individual

1st - Leon Stukelj YUG

kelj YUG 2nd - Robert Prazak TCH

3rd - Bedrich Supcik TCH

Men's team

2nd - FRA

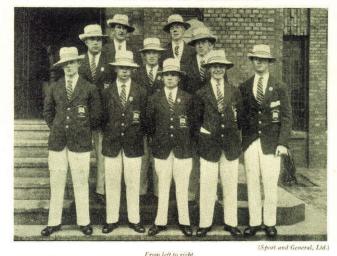
3rd - SUI

1st - ITA 4th - YUG

5th - USA

6th - GB

#### THE MEN'S TEAM AT AMSTERDAM



From left to right.

Top row—B. W. Franklin (Team Manager) and J. J. Cook (Coach and Monitor)

Middle row—E. Warren, Dolobran, Birmingham, H. J. Finchett, Y.M.C.A., Birmingham,
G. C. Raynes, N.P.I., London.

Bottom row—W. Cronn, Y.M.C.A., Swansea, E. Walton, Bradford G.C., T. B. Parkinson,
Bolton Lads Club, A. J. Whitford, Y.M.C.A., Swansea, S. Humphreys, Bolton Lads Club.

Amsterdam 1928, men's gymnastics team

### **AMSTERDAM 1928**

7th - 10th August
OLYMPIC STADIUM

#### Summary

- 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.

#### Team GB

#### Men's

Manager Coach and Monitor Team Leader Team Bernard Wallis Franklin

20 (8 men and 12 women)

John J. Cook Rudolf Oberholzer

Gymnast Club

E. Warren Dolobran, Birmingham YMCA Birmingham H.I. Fischett J.C. Raynes NPI London W. Cronin YMCA. Swansea E. Walton Bradford GC Bolton Lads Club T.B. Parkinson A.I. Whitford YMCA Swansea S. Humphreys Bolton Lads Club

#### Women's

Manager Coach Team Bernard Wallis Franklin

John J. Cook Gymnast

Gymnast Club

Margaret Hartley Bradford Yorks
Carrie Pickles Bradford Yorks
Annie Broadbent Halifax Yorks
Amy Jagger Halifax Yorks
Ada Smith Leigh Lancs

Lucy DesmondNPI LondonRudolf OberholzerDoris WoodsNPI LondonRudolf OberholzerJessie KiteNPI LondonRudolf OberholzerQueenie JuddNPI LondonRudolf Oberholzer

Coach

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Midge Moreman NPI London Rudolf Oberholzer Rudolf Oberholzer Ethel Seymour NPI London GB results Men's individual 63rd - Arthur Whitford 75th - E. W. Warren 76th - Bart Cronin 79th - E. A. Walton 81st - T. B. Parkinson 82nd - G. C. Raynes 83rd - Henry Finchett Men's team 11th place Women's team 3rd place - BRONZE Results Men's individual 1st - George Miez SUI 2nd - Hermann Hanggi SUI 3rd - Leon Stukelj YUG

**LOS ANGELES 1932** 

1st - SUI

4th - FRA

1st - HOL

8th - 12th August

3rd - YUG

6th - ITA

3rd - GB

Summary

Men's team

Women'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.

2nd - TCH

5th - FIN

2nd - ITA

 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.

Team GB

British gymnasts were unable to compete because of high travel costs.

Results

Men's individual 1st - Romeo Heri ITA

2nd - Istvan Pelle HUN

3rd - Hekki Ilmari Savolainen FIG

Men's team 1st - ITA 2nd - USA 3rd - FIN

4th - HUN 5th - JPN

**BERLIN 1936** 

10th - 12th August WALDBUHNE

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

team was dressed in short dresses.

 Introduced 6 compulsary and 6 voluntary routines for men (floor, pommels, rings, volt, p-bars and high bars).

Team GB:

8 (no men and 8 women)

'Toss of a coin' whether to send a men's or women's team, because of a lack of funding. In the end the men's team lost. (According to Edna Gross, the men couldn't cope with the set exercises so, 6 weeks before, the Amateur Gymnastics Association decided to train up the women and send them instead). Several of the men's team went to Berlin as spectators at their own expense.

Women's

Team Gymnast Club

Mary Heaton Mary Kelly Lillian Ridgwell

Doris Blake London GC

Brenda Crowe

Clarice Hanson Bradford GC

Marion Wharton,

Edna Gross NPI London

GB results

Women's team

Results

Men's individual 1st - Alfred Schwarzmann

GER

2nd - Eugen Mack SUI

3rd - Konrad Frey GER

Men's team

1st - GER 2nd - SUI

8th place

3rd - FIN

Women's team 1st - GER

2nd - C7F

3rd - HUN



Olympic rings Edna Gross on beam with Carrie Pollard in the background

### **LONDON 1948**

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

#### Summary

- 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), floor exercise (optional), group with hand apparatus.

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Team GB Men's			
Team	Gymnast	Club	Coach
ream	George Wheedon	Regent Street Polytechnic GC	John (Tubby) Atkins
	Ken Buffin	St. Aidens GC	"Bill" Buffin
Captain	Jack Flaherty	Ardwick Boys Club	
	Glyn Hopkins	Swansea YMCA	Arthur Whitford
	W. Macreavie	Woodhouse School of PE	Jim Atkinson
	Percy May	Swansea YMCA	Arthur Whitford
	Frank Turner	Broad Street Boys	Bill Downing
		Club Tottenham	Jim Wright
		Court Rd YMCA	
	Alec Wales	Regent Street Polytechnic GC	Bill King
	Ivor Vice	Swansea YMCA	
Reserve	Frank Edmonds	Swansea YMCA	Arthur Whitford
Women's			
Team	Gymnast	Club	Coach
	Joan Airey	Regent Street	Lucy Desmond
		Polytechnic GC	George Wheedon
	Claris M. Bell	Saltaire Ladies GC	Carrie Pollard (nee Pickles)
	Cissy Davies	Swansea YMCA	Walter Walsh
	Pat Evans	Swansea YMCA	Walter Walsh
	Dorothy Hey	Saltaire Ladies GC	Carrie Pollard
	Irene Hurst	Saltaire Ladies GC	Carrie Pollard
	Pat Hirst	Woodhouse	Jim Atkinson

School of PF Woodhouse Vera Parsons

Jim Atkinson School of PE

Audrey Rennard Saltaire Ladies GC Carrie Pollard Dorothy Smith nee Brookes Bingley GC Regina Brookes (Mother)

GB results

Men's individual 60th - George Weedon 67th - Frank Turner 79th - Ken Buffin 83rd - Alec Wales 92nd - Percy May 98th - Jack Flaherty

> 111th - Glyn Hopkins 112th - Ivor Vice

Jack Flaherty was 40 years old at this Olympics. He did, however, reach 18th position on

high bar - his favourite piece.

12th place

9th place

Men's team

There were no individual placings for the women's all-around, however it should be recorded here that Joan Airy was in joint 2nd place in the vault rankings. At the demonstration event, she was asked to vault again.

Women's team

Women's individual

Results

Men's individual

Men's team Women's team 1st - V.A. Huhtanen FIN 2nd - W. Lehmann SUI 3rd - P.J. Aaltonen FIN

1st - FIN 2nd - SUI 3rd - HUN 1st - CZE 2nd - HUN 3rd - USA





### **HELSINKI 1952**

19th - 24th July MESSUHALLI HALL

#### Summary

- 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.

#### Team GB Men's

Manager Coach Team

Women's

Manager

Coach

Pianist

Judge

Team

Bill Kina Arthur Whitford

Gymnast Ken Buffin lack Whitford Graham Harcourt

Frank Turner

14 (6 men and 8 women)

Court Rd YMCA

Peter Starling George Wheedon Club Cardiff Central Boys Swansea Boys Club Swansea YMCA **Broad Street Boys** Club Tottenham

> Norwich Priory GC Regent Street

Polytechnic GC

Mrs Kilgour Carrie Pollard

Vera Davies Edna Gross

Gvmnast Gwynedd Lewis (nee Lingard) Margaret Thomas (nee Neale)

Marjorie Raistrick Irene Hirst Pat Hirst

Club Grange Ladies Athletic Club Cardiff Central

**Bovs Club** Saltaire Ladies GC Saltaire Ladies GC Woodhouse School of PE

Coach Cecil Guy

Coach

Bill Buffin

Arthur Whitford

Arthur Whitford

John 'Tubby' Atkins

Bill Downing

Jim Wright

Walter Maidment

Carrie Pollard Carrie Pollard Jim Atkinson

**GB** results

Men's individual 73rd - Frank Turner

98th - Jack Whitford 115th - Ken Buffin, 152nd - George Wheedon 160th - Graham Harcourt

Valerie Mullins

Margo Morgan

Cissie Davies

167th - Peter Starling

Men's team 21st place

Women's individual 78th - Gwynedd Lewis

89th - Pat Hirst 103rd - Cissie Davies 111th - Margo Morgan 112th - Margaret Thomas 115th - Irene Hirst 126th - Valerie Mullins 131st - Marjorie Raistrick

Women's team 16th place

Results

9 exercises combined

2nd - HUN 3rd - CZE

1st - USSR

1st - SUI (8 balls) Group exercise with hand apparatus 2nd - USSR (8 hoops) 3rd - HUN (16 clubs) (8 gymnasts) Men's individual

1st - Viktor Tchukarin USSR

2nd - Drant Shaginian **USSR** 

3rd - Josef Stalder SWI

Men's team 1st - USSR 2nd - SUI

3rd - FIN

Women's individual 1st - Maria Gorohovskava USSR

> 2nd - Nina Bocharova USSR

> 3rd - Margit Korondi HUN

1st - USSR Women's team

2nd - HUN 3rd - CZE

Helsinki 1952 team GB men; A Whitford, Flaherty, Starling, I Whitford, Turner, Weedon, Buffin and Harcourt Typical work on A-bars

Walter Walsh

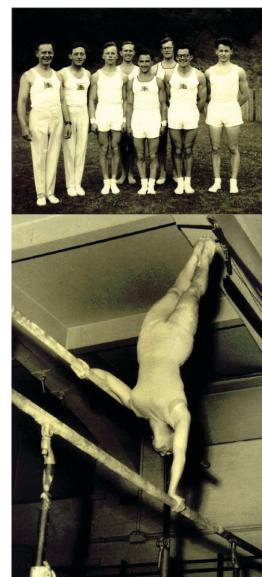
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### **MELBOURNE 1956**

3rd - 7th December WFST MELBOURNE STADIUM

Summary	<ul> <li>128 gymnasts (63 men and 65 women) from 21 countries</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Women's competition - Team composed of 6 gymnasts.</li> </ul>
	• Events - same as in 1952.

3 (2 men and 1 woman) Team GB Men's

Manager Frank Edmonds Coach Team Gymnast Club 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 Club Coach Gymnast Pat Hirst Woodhouse Jim Atkinson School of PE

GB results Men's individual 21st - Nik Stuart MBE 53rd - Frank Turner

Women's individual 60th - Pat Hirst

Group exercise with hand apparatus (held for the last time)

Results

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 - IPN 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 2nd - SWE 3rd - POL 1st - HUN and apparatus

Teams departing for the Rome 1960 Games



### **ROME 1960**

5th - 10th September TERME DI CARACALLA

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- 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.

#### Team GB Men's

Manager Coach ludge Team

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 Boys Club

Peter Starling Norwich Priory Dick Gradlev AGU/Nik Stuart Jack Pancott AGU/Nik Stuart

John Mulhall Cardiff Central Ken Buffin

Boys Club

Women's Team Manager

Isabelle Walshaw Coach Edna Gross ludge Audrey Bates Team Gymnast

Club Coach Grange Ladies Gwynedd Lingard Cecil Guy Athletic Club (nee Lewis)

Marjorie Carter (nee Raistrick)

Jill Pollard Saltaire Ladies GC Margaret Neale Cardiff Olympic GC (nee Thomas)

**Dorothy Summers** 

Clifford Summers Mynachdy GC (father)

Salts, Saltaire O.GC

Pat Perks Grange Ladies Athletic Club

GB results

Men's individual 55th - Nik Stuart MBE

99th - Dick Gradley 112th - John Mulhall

102nd - lack Pancott 114th - Ken Buffin 128th - Peter Starling

Pat Hirst

Cecil Guy

Carrie Pollard

Walter Maidment

Men's team 19th place

Women's individual 103rd - Gwynedd Lingard 108th - Margaret Thomas 107th - Pat Perks 110th - Marjorie Raistrick 117th - Jill Pollard 118th - Dorothy Summers

Women's team 17th place

#### Rome 1960 continued...

Results

Men's individual 1st - Boris Shaklin USSR 2nd - Takashi Ono IPN 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

• 213 gymnasts (130 men and 83 women) from 34 countries.

Team GB

Men's 4 (2 men and 2 women)

Coach Nik Stuart MBE (first professional National Coach of BAGA)
Team Gymnast Club Coach

Jack Pancott Army Gymnastics

Union

John Mulhall Cardiff Central Ken Buffin

Boys Club

Women's

Coach June Groom

Team Gymnast Club Coach
Monica Rutherford Fulwell GC June Groom

Denise Goddard Cardiff Olympic GC Walter Maidment

GB results

Men's individual 102nd - Jack Pancott

116th - John Mulhall

Women's individual 71st - Denise Goddard 79th - Monica Rutherford

Results

Men's individual 1st - Yukio Endo JPN

2nd - Victor Lisitski USSR 3rd - Boris Shakhlin USSR

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Men's team 1st - JPN

2nd - USSR 3rd - GDR

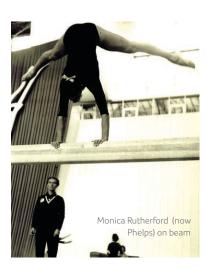
Women's individual 1st - Vera Caslavska CZE

2nd - Larissa Latinina USSR

3rd - Polina Astakhova USSR

Women's team 1st - USSR 2nd - CZE

3rd - JPN



### **MEXICO 1968**

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

Summary • 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.

Team GB 4 (2 men and 2 women)

Men's Coach Team

Coach Nik Stuart MBE

Gymnast Club Coach
Michael Booth Milnesbridge GC Stan Booth

Huddersfield GC

Stan Wild Leeds Athletic Dick Gradley

Institute

Women's

Coach Pauline Prestidge Judge Annette Stapleton

Team Gymnast Club Coach

Margaret Bell Ladywell GC Pauline Prestidge Bexley GC London

Mary Prestidge Ladywell GC Pauline Prestidge Bexley GC London (mother)

GB results

Men's individual 79th - Stan Wild 91st - Michael Booth

Women's individual 74th - Margret Bell

78th - Mary Prestidge

Results

Men's individual 1st - Sawao Kato JPN

2nd - Michail Voronin USSR

3rd - Akinori Nakayama JPN

Men's team 1st - JPN

2nd - USSR 3rd - GDR

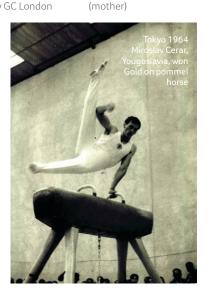
Women's individual 1st - Vera Caslavska CZE

2nd - Zinaida Voronina USSR

3rd - Natalia Kuchinskaya USSR

Women's team 1st - USSR 2nd - CZE

3rd - GDR



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### **MUNICH 1972**

#### 27th August - 1st September SPORTHALLE IN THE OLYMPIC PARK

#### Summary

- 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.

#### Team GB Men's

Team Manager Coach Judge Team

9 (3 men and 6 women)

Frank Edmonds Nik Stuart MBE lack Scrivener

Gymnast Club Coach Stan Wild Leeds Al Dick Gradley Eddie Arnold Leeds Al Dick Gradley Bert Dooley and Bill Norgrove AGU lack Scrivener

#### Women's

Coach Pauline Prestidge ludge

Team

Ursel Free (Baer)

Club Coach Gymnast Pamela Hutchinson Fulwell-Whithurn June Groom GC Sunderland

Ladywell GC Elaine Willett London

Barbara Alred Saltaire Ladies GC Yorkshire

Charles Keene

Avril Lennox College GC Leics Pamela Hardwicke Penarth GC

South Wales (nee Hopkins) Yvonne Mugridge Ladywell GC (now Arnold) London

Pauline Prestidge

Jill Coulton (nee Pollard)

Harold Davies

Gwynedd Lingard

Pauline Prestidge

GB results

Men's individual 93rd - Stan Wild 103rd - Eddie Arnold

107th - Bill Norgrove

99th - Pamela Women's individual

Hutchinson

101st - Elaine Willett 107th - Barbara Alred 111th - Avril Lennox

114th - Pamela Hardwicke

116th - Yvonne Mugridge

Women's team 18th place

Results

Men's individual 1st - Sawao Kato IPN

> 2nd - Eitso Kenmotsu IPN

3rd - Akinory Nakayama

IPN

Men's team 1st - JPN

2nd - USSR 3rd - GDR

1st - Ludmila Women's individual

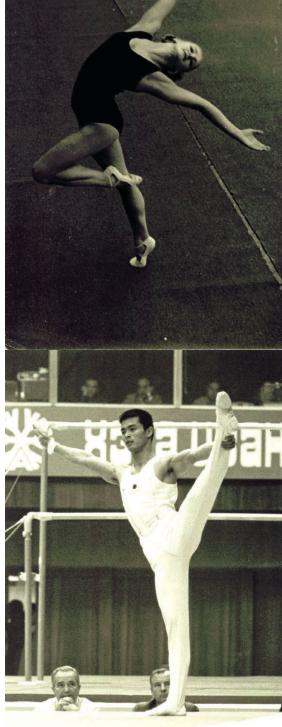
Tourischeva **USSR** 

2nd - Karin Janz GDR

3rd - Tamara Lazakovich USSR

1st - USSR Women's team

2nd - GDR 3rd - HUN



Yvonne Mugridge Munich 1972, Shigeru Kasamatsu, Japan, secured Bronze on floor and horizontal bars and Silver on parallel bars

### **MONTREAL 1976**

18th - 23rd July **SPORTFORUM** 

Summary

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

Team GB

Men's

Team Manager Coach

Judge Team

Gymnast Ian Neal

Tommy Wilson

George Whiteley Nik Stuart MBE

Bill Williams

6 (3 men and 3 women)

London

Jeff Davis

Coventry GC Hendon GC

Carnegie College

GC Leeds

Club

Women's

Coach Pauline Prestidge Judge Ursel Free (Baer)

Team

Gymnast Avril Lennox

Barbara Slater Susan Cheesebrough Redditch and Bromsgrove GC Tameside GC

Stalybridge

68th - Barbara Slater

Charles Keene College Leicester

Club

Bill Slater and John Reeves Norman Gough and

85th - Jeff Davis

Harold Davies

Bill McLoughlin

Coach

Coach

Billy Wills

Dick Gradley

John Atkinson MBE

George Whiteley and

GB results

Women's individual

73rd - Ian Neal Men's individual 82nd - Tommy Wilson

35th - Avril Lennox

79th - Susan Cheesebrough

Results

Men's individual 1st - Nikolay Andrianov USSR

> 2nd - Sawao Kato JPN 3rd - Mitsuo Tsukahara JPN

Men's team 2nd - USSR 3rd - GDR 1st - JPN

1st - Nadia Comaneci ROU Women's individual 2nd - Nelli Kim USSR

3rd - Ludmila Tourischeva USSR

Women's team

1st - USSR 2nd - ROM 3rd - GDR



**MOSCOW 1980** 

20th/25th July **OLYMPIJSKI SPORT COMPLEX/** "PROSPECT MIRA"

• Boycott of the Western Countries however GB take part.

6 (3 men and 3 women)

Team GB Men's

Summary

Manager David Eagling

Coach John Atkinson MBE

Jack Scrivener and Paul Williams Judges Team Gymnast

Coach Billy Wills Tommy Wilson Hendon GC London Bush Harlow Mitch Fenner Barry Winch

GC Essex

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

Keith Langley Coventry GC Geoff Langley (father)

Women's

Coach Annette Stapleton

Judge Sue Thomas

Team Gymnast Club Coach

Ladywell GC Joyce Macauley and Suzanne Dando

Brian Dewhurst

Huddersfield GC Ianet Mitchell (Fidler) Denise Iones Susan Cheesebrough Tameside GC Norman Gough and

Bill McLoughlin

GB results

Men's individual 30th - Barry Winch 31st - Tommy Wilson 35th - Keith Langley

Women's individual 27th - Suzanne Dando 23rd - Denise Jones

28th - Susan Cheesebrough

Results

Men's team 1st - USSR 2nd - GDR 3rd - HUN Men's individual 1st - Alexander Ditiatin USSR 2nd - Nikolai Andrianov USSR

3rd - Stoyan Deltchev BUL

Women's team 1st - USSR 2nd - ROU 3rd - GDR

Women's individual 1st - Yelena Davidova USSR

2nd - Nadia Comaneci ROM, Maxi Gnauck GDR (equal 2nd)

### **LOS ANGELES 1984**

29th July - 2nd August **PAULEY PAVILLION** 

Summary	•	• 136 gymnasts (71 men and 65 women) from 19 countries.		
	•	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

Paul Williams Manager John Atkinson MBE Coach Judges Ron Smith & Paul Barnes Team

Club Coach Gymnast 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 Swansea YMCA Leigh Jones Carl Beynon Barry Winch **Bush Harlow** Mitch Fenner

GC Essex

Women's

Coaches Colin Still & J. Lewis Judge Avril Spriggs Gymnast Team

Club Coach Natalie Davis Cray Valley GC Joyce Macauley Loughton GC Colin and Christine Still

Amanda Harrison now Reddin

Hayley Price

Kathy Williams Huddersfield GC Janet Fidler Sally Larner Redditch and John Reeves

Bromsarove GC Redditch and

Bromsgrove GC Lisa Young Park GC Bunty Lee

GB results

Men's individual 24th - Andrew Morris 34th - Keith Langley 36th - Terry Bartlett

54th - Barry Winch

64th - Carl Banon 69th - Eddie Van Hoof

John Reeves

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

7th place

Women's team

Results

Men's individual 1st - Koji Gushiken JPN 2nd - Peter Vidmar USA 3rd - LI Ning CHN

Men's team 1st - USA 2nd - CHN 3rd - IPN

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### **Artistic Gymnastics**

Los Angeles 1984 continued...

Women's individual 1st - Mary Lou Retton USA

2nd - Ekaterina Szabo ROM 3rd - Simona Pauca ROM

2nd - USA 3rd - CHN Women's team 1st - ROM

### **SEOUL 1988**

18th/25th September **OLYMPIC PARK GYMNASTICS HALL** 

Summary • 179 gymnasts (89 men and 90 women) from 28 countries.

· Gymnastics at its best.

Team GB 4 (2 men and 2 women)

Men's Alex Strachan Manager Eddie Van Hoof Coach Judge Dick Russell

Team Gymnast Coach

Bill Cosgrove and Terry Bartlett Southampton AGC Carl Schweir Penn State

University USA

Andrew Morris Swansea YMCA Leigh Jones

Women's

Coaches Colin Still Judge Hazel Malpass

Team Gymnast Club Coach Christine Bowker

Karen Hargate Greenhead GC

Huddersfield

Karen Kennedy Camberley Surrey Colin and Bernie Wright

GB results

Men's individual 75th - Terry Bartlett 81st - Andrew Morris Women's individual 81st - Karen Hargate 89th - Karen Kennedy

Results

1st - Vladimir Artemov USSR 2nd - Valery Lukin USSR Men's individual

3rd - Dmitry Bilozerchev USSR

Men's team 1st - USSR 2nd - GDR 3rd - JPN Women's individual 1st - Elena Shushunova USSR 2nd - Daniella Silivas ROU

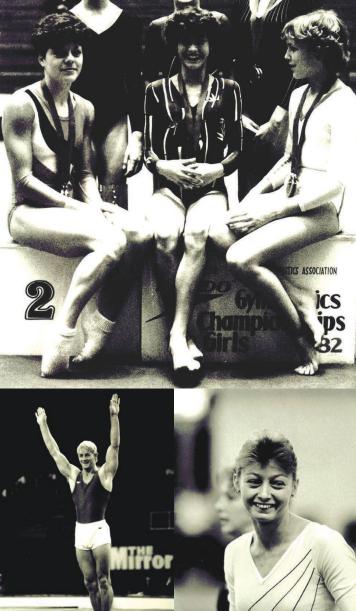
3rd - Svetlana Boginskaya USSR

Women's team 1st - USSR 2nd - ROM 3rd - GDR

Los Angeles 1984, team GB women: L-R, Austin, McCarthy, Price, Harrison, Larner and Young

Seoul 1988





### **BARCELONA 1992**

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

Summary	<ul> <li>185 gymnasts (93 men a</li> <li>Vitaly Sherbo (CIS- Comunprecedented 6 Gold r</li> <li>Results form the qualific (gymnasts start at zero)</li> </ul>	monwealth of Independen medals. cations are not carried forw	t States) wins
Team GB	8 (6 men and 2 women)		
Men's Manager Coaches Judge Team	Paul Williams Eddie Van Hoof and John A Bert Dooley and Bob Currie <i>Gymnast</i> Neil Thomas		<i>Coach</i> Eddie Van Hoof and Ma Shi
	James May Terry Bartlett	Bristol Hawkes GC Southampton AGC/ Penn State University	Steven May (brother) Bill Cosgrove and Carl Schweir
	David Cox Marvin Campbell	Southampton AGC/ Liverpool GC Manchester CIG	Keith Richardson and Ma Shi Colin Leigh
Reserve	Paul Bowler Ian Shelley	Manchester CIG Southampton AGC/ Penn State University	Colin Leigh Carl Schweir and Keith Richardson
Women's Coaches Judge Team	Colin Still Avril Spriggs Gymnast Sarah Mercer Rowena Roberts	Club Park Wrekin GC Shropshire Spelthorne GC Ashford Middlesex	Coach Colin and Christine Still Gareth Davies
GB results Men's individual	20th - Neil Thomas 85th - David Cox	33rd - James May 88th - Marvin Campbell	82nd - Terry Bartlett 92nd - Paul Bowler
Men's team	12th place		
Women's individual	67th - Sarah Mercer	85th - Rowena Roberts	
Results Men's individual	1st - Vitaly Sherbo CIS 3rd - Valeri Belenki CIS	2nd - Grigory Misiutin C	SIS
Men's team	1st - CIS	2nd - CHN	3rd - JPN
Women's individual	1st - Tatiana Gutsu CIS 3rd - Lavinia Milosovici RC	2nd - Shannon Miller US DU	A

2nd - ROU

Women's team

1st - CIS

3rd - USA

### **ATLANTA 1996**

20th - 25th July and 28th - 29th July GEORGIA DOME

3rd - ROU

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

2nd - RUS

1st - USA

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Women's team

**SYDNEY 2000** 

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

Coach

Rod and Pauline Smith

Marion and John James

Rod and Pauline Smith

Carol and Pat Malone

Clem Malcolmson

Summary

• 194 gymnasts (97 men and 97 women) from 43 countries.

· Team final introduced.

Team GB

7 (1 man and 6 women)

Men's

Team Leader Paul Garber Coaches Martin Reddin ludge Andy Tombs Team Gymnast

Craig Heap

Club Coach North Tyne GC Mike Redmond

Newcastle

Women's

Coaches Zoltan Jordanov and Amanda Kirby Judges Avril Spriggs and Lyn Fairbrother Team Gymnast

Lisa Mason

Terry Sharpington and Huntingdon GC Monika Desalermos Emma Williams City of Liverpool GC Amanda Kirby (now Reddin)

Annika Reeder South Essex GC

Basildon

Alderwood GC Sharna Murray

Eltham

Kelly Hackmann Woking Paula Thomas South Essex GC

Basildon

Melissa Wilcox Faston GC Bristol

GB results

Men's individual 32nd - Craig Heap

Women's individual 23rd - Lisa Mason 31st - Emma Williams

34th - Annika Reeder (withdrew on Vault - twisted ankle)

74th - Kelly Hackmann 87th - Paula Thomas 72nd - Sharna Murray

Women's team 10th place

Results

Men's individual 1st - Alexei Nemov RUS 2nd - YANG Wei CHN

3rd - Olexander Beresh UKR

Men's team 1st - CHN 2nd - UKR 3rd - RUS

Women's individual 1st - Simona Amanar ROU 2nd - Maria Olaru ROM 3rd - LIU Xuan CHN

Women's team 1st - ROU 2nd - RUS 3rd - CHN

### **ATHENS 2004**

14th - 23rd August **OLYMPIC INDOOR HALL** 

Keith Richardson

Mike and Janet Lea

Summary

• 196 gymnasts (98 men and 98 women) from 42 countries.

• All-around finals - 24 gymnasts take part instead of 36.

• '3 compete - 3 count' system introduced for the Team Finals of 8 teams.

• Highly controversial competition, for both men caused by judging mistake

• Introduced rule - No more than 2 gymnasts per nation can compete in the all-around and in the apperatus finals.

Team GB

Women's Manager

Coach Assistant coaches

Judge Team

6 (0 men and 6 women)

Matthew Greenwood Zoltan Jordanov

Corina Morosan, Amanda Kirby in the Finals

Lyn Fairbrother

Gymnast Club Coach City of Liverpool GC Beth Tweddle MBE Amanda Kirby Katy Lennon Leatherhead and Vladimir Aksionov

Dorking GC

Dynamo School of Debby Hampton and Vanessa Hobbs

Gymnastics,

Southampton Elizabeth Line Pinewood GC Natalie Ryan

Wokingham Berks

Nicola Willis South Essex GC Rod and Pauline Smith

Basildon Essex Cherrelle Fennell Wigan GC

GB results

Women's individual 19th - Beth Tweddle MBE (10th Asymmetric Bars) 21st - Katy Lennon

> 44th - Vanessa Hobbs 53rd - Nicola Willis 77th - Cherrelle Fennell

96th - Elizabeth Line

Women's team 11th place

Results

Men's individual 1st - Paul Hamm USA 2nd - Kim Dae Eun KOR

3rd - Yang Tae-Yeong KOR

Men's team 1st - IPN 2nd - USA 3rd - ROU

Women's individual 1st - Carly Patterson USA

2nd - Svetlana Khorkina RUS

3rd - NAN Zhang CHN

Women's team 1st - ROU 2nd - USA 3rd - RUS

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### **BEIJING 2008**

9th/19th August NATIONAL INDOOR STADIUM

Summary

- 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.

Team GB

8 (2 men and 6 women)

Men's

Coaches Paul Hall Judge Andy Tombs

Team Gymnast Club Coach
Louis Smith Huntingdon OGC Paul Hall
Daniel Keatings Huntingdon OGC Paul Hall

Women's

Manager Adrian Stan

Coaches Colin Still and Corina Morosan

Judge Robin Leeworthy

Team Gymnast Club Coach

Beth Tweddle MBECity of LiverpoolAmanda ReddinRebecca DownieNottinghamClaire StarkeyMarissa KingHuntingdonAdam Folwell andOlympic GCAneta DesalermosRebecca WingHeathrowVince and Michele

Walduck and Natalia Ilienko Jarvis

Imogen CairnsThe Academy BristolLiz KincaidHannah WhelanCity of LiverpoolSarah Atwell

GB results

Men's individual 20th - Daniel Keatings, (equal best with Neil Thomas, 1992)

41st - Louis Smith, (BRONZE pommel horse)

Women's individual 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)

Women's team 9th place

Results

Men's individual 1st - YANG Wei CHN 2nd - Kohei Uchimura JPN

3rd - Benoit Caranobe FRA

Men's team 1st - CHN 2nd - IPN 3rd - USA

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

Summary

- London 2012 was an historic Olympic Games for British Gymnastics. They
  came out with a record four Olympic medals: one SILVER (Louis Smith
  on pommel horse) and three BRONZE medals (men's team, Max Whitlock
  on pommel horse and Beth Tweddle on uneven bars).
- Beth Tweddle took the first ever individual Olympic medal for a British woman (BRONZE on uneven bars).
- The competitions in all the three gymnastics disciplines artistic, trampoline and rhythmic gymnastics - turned into spectacular events followed by enthusiastic capacity crowds at the North Greenwich Arena (for artistic and trampoline gymnastics) and Wembley Arena (for rhythmic gymnastics).
- Japanese phenomenn Kohei Uchimura, who won his first of three world title
  in 2009 at the same venue (O2 Arena in London), won his first Olympic title
  in the all-around plus two silver medals (on floor and in the team event).
- The Qualification round in the men's event ended with in surprise with the
  two key challengers for the team title, Japan and China, finishing in 5th and
  6th position respectively. It was the Team Final that brought them back to
  where they were expected to be (CHN in 1st and JPN in 2nd) while Great
  Britain wrote history by taking bronze ahead of mighty gymnastics nations
  like Ukraine, USA, Russia, Germany, France, Spain, Romania, Italy and Korea.
- Bulgarian Jordan Jovchev and Oxana Chussovitina representing Germany both set new records for the sport by taking part in their sixth consecutive Olympic games. Both managed to reach the Finals - Jovchev finished 7th on rings and Chussovitina was placed5th on vault.

Team GB Women's

Full men's and full women's teams

Gvmnast Club Coach Beth Tweddle MBE City of Liverpool Amanda Reddin Rebecca Tunney City of Liverpool Claire Duffy Hannah Whelan City of Liverpool Amanda Reddin **Jennifer Pinches** City of Liverpool Amanda Reddin The Academy Bristol Liz Kincaid Imogen Cairns

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### **Artistic Gymnastics**

Team Leader Tim Jones

Coaches Amanda Reddin; Adrian Stan; Colin Still

GB results Beth Tweddle - **BRONZE** uneven bars

Rebecca Tunney - 13th all-around Hannah Whelan - 24th all-around

Final ranking 6th place out of 12 teams taking part

Results

Women's Team 1st - USA 2nd - RUS 3rd - ROU

Women's Individual 1st - Gabrielle Douglas USA 2nd - Victoria Komova RUS

3rd - Aliya Mustafina RUS

Vault 1st - Sandra Izbasa ROU 2nd - McKayla Maroney USA

3rd - Maria Paseca RUS

A.Bars 1st - Alija Mustafina RUS 2nd - HE Kexin CHN 3rd - Beth Tweddle MBE GBR
Beam 1st - DENG Linlin CHN 2nd - SUI Lu CHN 3rd - Alexandra Raisman USA

Floor 1st - Alexandra Raisman USA 2nd - Catalina Ponor ROU

3rd - Aliya Mustafina RUS

MenGymnastClubCoachFull teamLouis Smith MBEHuntingdon OGCPaul Hall

Max Whitlock South Essex Scott Hann
Kristian Thomas Earls, Wolverhampton Michelle Bradley

& Andre Popov

Daniel Purvis Southport YMCA Jeff Brooks & Andrei Popov

Sam Oldham Nottingham Sergei Sizhanov

Coaches Eddie Van Hoof, Andre Popov

GB results Louis Smith - SILVER pommel horse

Max Whitlock - **BRONZE** pommel horse

Kristian Thomas - 7th place all-around; 8th vault

Daniel Purvis - 13th place

Final ranking 3rd place and bronze medal out of 12 teams taking part

Results

Men's Team 1st - CHN 2nd - JPN 3rd - GBR

Men's Individual1st - Kohei Ushimura JPN2nd - Marcel Nguyen GER3rd - Danell Leyva USAFloor1st - ZOU Kai CHN2nd - Kohei Uchimura JPN3rd - Denis Ablyazin RUSPommels1st - Krisztian Berki HUN2nd - Louis Smith GBR3rd - Max Whitlock GBR

Rings 1st - Arthur Nabarrete Zanetti BRA 2nd - CHEN Yibin CHN

3rd - Matteo Morandi ITA

Vault1st - YANG Hak Seon KOR2nd - Denis Ablyazin RUS3rd - Igor Radivilov UKRP.Bars1st - FENG Zhe CHN2nd - Marcel Nguyen GER3rd - Hamilto Sabot FRA

High Bar 1st - Epke Zonderland NED 2nd - Fabian Hambuechen GER

3rd - ZOU Kai CHN





# RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

Rhythmic gymnastics

### 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
Team Gymnast

Gymnast Club Coach
Lorraine Priest Leeds GC Anne Talyntyre
Jacky Leavy Northampton GC Jenny Bott

GB results 28th - Lorraine Priest 31st - Jacky Leavy

Results 1st - Lori Fung CAN 2st - Doina Staiculescu ROU

3rd - Regina Weber GER

**SEOUL 1988** 

29th/30th September

• 39 women from 23 countries.

Team GB

Coach Helen Roberts

Gymnast Club Coach

Lisa Black Northampton GC Jenny Bott

GB results 38th - Lisa Black

Results 1st - Marina Lobach USSR 2nd - Adriana Dunayska BUL

3rd - Alexandra Timoshenko USSR

**BARCELONA 1992** 

6th/8th August
PALAU DELS ESPORTS DE
BARCELONA

• 42 women from 23 countries.

• The most successful British representation to date.

Team GB

Coach Irina Viner

Team Gymnast Club Coach

Debbie Southwick Liverpool RGC Margaret White Viva Seifert Hillingdon SofG London Heather Richards

GB results 21st - Debbie Southwick 29th - Viva Seifert

Results 1st - Alexandra Timoshenko CIS

2nd - Oxana Skaldina UKR 3rd - Carolina Pascual ESP

**ATLANTA 1996** 

1st/4th August STEGEMAN COLISEUM, ATHENS. GEORGIA

• 90 women from 22 countries.

• Debut for the RG Groups of 6 gymnasts.

No British competitors.

Results

Individual 1st - Ekaterian Serebrianskaya UKR

2nd - Yanina Batyrchina RUS 3rd - Elena Vitrichenko UKR

Group 1st - ESP 2nd - BUL 3rd - RUS

**SYDNEY 2000** 

28th September/1st October SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

• 84 women from 20 countries.

• Unexpected winner - Yulia Barsukova of Russia.

· No British competitors.

Results

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

3rd - Alina Kabaeva RUS

Group 1st - RUS 2nd - BLR 3rd - GRE

**ATHENS 2004** 

24th/29th August GALATSI OLYMPIC HALL

• 84 women from 21 countries.

Team GB

Coach Nadia Alexandrova

Gymnast Club Coach

Hannah McKibbin Spelthorne GC Savina Georgieva

Ashford Middlesex

GB results 21st - Hannah McKibbin

Results

Individual 1st - Alina Kabaeva RUS 2nd - Irina Tchachina RUS

3rd - Anna Bessonova UKR

Group 1st - RUS 2nd - ITA 3rd - BUL

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### Rhythmic gymnastics

### **BEIJING 2008**

21st/24th August **BEIJING UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY** 

Summary • 95 women from 21 countries.

· No British competitors.

Results

Individual 1st - Evgenia Kanaeva RUS

2nd - Inna Zhukova BLR

3rd - Anna Bessonova UKR

1st - RUS Group 2nd - CHN

3rd - BLR

### **LONDON 2012**

9th-12th August WEMBLEY ARENA

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).

Team GB

Individual: 1 gymnast Coach: Lisa Higgins

**Gymnast** Coach Francesca Jones City of Birmingham Lisa Higgins

**GB Results** 

24th - Francesca Jones

12th - Group

Group Coach: Sarah Moon

Gymnast Rachel Smith City of Coventry Bath

Francesca Fox Georgina Cassar Jade Faulkner

Louisa Pouli Lynn Hutchison

Esprit

Bath

Elena RGC

Hannah Walker & Marion Sands Sarah Moon

**GRGA** Gibraltar Sally Holmes

**Deb Hows** Sarah Smith Sarah Moon

Coach

Results Individual

1st - Evgeniya Kanaeva RUS 2nd - Daria Dmitrieva RUS 3rd - Liubou Charkashyna BLR

Group 2nd - BLR

London 2012 - GBR Rhythmic group



### **TRAMPOLINE GYMNASTICS**

### **SYDNEY 2000**

22nd - 23rd September SYDNEY SUPER DOME

 Olympic debut. Summary

• 24 gymnasts (12 men and 12 women) from 16 countries.

Team GB

Coach John Beer

Gymnast Team Club Coach

Salford Steve Moreton Men's Lee Brearley Women's laime Moore Northampton Tracy Whittaker

**GB** Results

Men's 6th place Women's 12th place

Results

Men's individual 1st. - Alexander Moskalenko RUS

2nd - Ji Wallace AUS

3rd - Mathieu Turgeon CAN

Women's individual 1st - Irina Karavaeva RUS

> 2nd - Oksana Tsyhuleva UKR 3rd - Karen Cockburn CAN

**ATHENS 2004** 

20th - 21st August **OLYMPIC INDOOR HALL** 

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

Team GB

Coach John Beer

Gymnast Team Coach Jumpers TC Gillingham Men's Gary Smith Martin Laws Kirsten Lawton Edgbarrow TC Sue Lawton Women's

**GB** Results

Men's 7th place Women's 12th place

Results

Men's individual 1st - Yuri Nikitin UKR

2nd - Alexander Moskalenko RUS

3rd - Henrik Stehlik GER

Women's individual 1st - Anna Dogonadze GER

2nd - Karen Cockburn CAN 3rd - Shanshan Huang CHN

### **BEIJING 2008**

16th -19th August NATIONAL INDOOR STADIUM

Summary

• 32 gymnasts (16 men and 16 women) from 17 countries.

· China sweep the titles.

Team GB

Women's

Claire Wright Gymnast Club Olga GC Poole Nigel Rendell Coach

**GB** results

10th - Claire Wright Women's

Results:

Men's individual 1st - LU Chunlong CHN 2nd - Jason Burnett CAN

3rd - DONG Dong CHN

1st - HE Wenna CHN Women's individual 2nd - Karen Cockburn CAN

3rd - Ekaterina Khilko UZB

### **LONDON 2012**

3rd-4th August NORTH GREENWICH ARENA

Summary

• Britain's Kat Driscoll took 9th place in the Qualification round and was the first reserve for the Final with a slender margin of 0.010 pts to Victoria Vornina RUS, 8th in the Qualifications. This was the best result achieved by British a female Trampoline gymnast at an Olympic Games.

 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 Anna Dogonadze GER, 39 who competed in her fourth Olympic Games.

Team GB

Women's Gymnast Club

Coach

Team GB Coach

Tracey Whittaker-Smith

Apollo

Kat Driscoll

William Leach

**GB** Results

9th - Kat Driscoll

Results Men

1st - DONG Dong CHN 2nd - Dmitry Ushakov RUS 3rd - LU Chenlong CHN

London 2012 Kat Driscoll

Women

1st - Rosannah MacLennon CAN 2nd - HUANG Shanshan CHN

3rd - HE Wenna CHN



### 2016 GYMNAST PROFILES

#### **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 BEVAN
DOB: 16/06/1997
Hometown: Essex
Club: South Essex Gym Club
Coach: Scott Hann

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.



NILE WILSON
DOB: 17/01/1996
Hometown: Pudsey
Club: Leeds Gymnastics Club
Coach: David Murray and Barry
Collie

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

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 first ever male World Champion winning pommel

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#### WOMEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS



REBECCA DOWNIE
DOB: 24/01/1992
Hometown: Nottingham
Club: Notts Gymnastics
Academy
Coach: Jo Miller

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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