

LEGACY 65

COMMEMORATING 65 YEARS OF FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES





INTRODUCTION

British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) is the National University Sports Federation (NUSF) for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland represented by GB Students.

Over the last 65 years, the International University Sports Federation (Fédération Internationale du sport Universitaire) as the world governing body for international university sport globally; has staged editions of the FISU World University Games biennially. Formerly referred to as the Universiade, the FISU World University Games are widely recognised as the largest international multi-sport Games to the Olympic Games. The first official FISU Summer World University Games were hosted by Turin (Italy) in 1959 with the maiden winter edition hosted by Chamonix (France) in 1960. The idea of global international university sports competitions pre-dates the 1949 formation of FISU, with the inception of the first World University Games in 1923.

FISU as an international member organisation has representation from member associations referred to as National and Continental University Sport Federations (NUSF, CUSF) from across the five continents, that collaborate with FISU to ensure the worldwide participation and delivery of university sport.

As the NUSF for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, BUCS, in association with sport-specific national governing bodies, select the nation's best student-athletes to represent 'GB Students'; competing across winter and summer sports in Games amongst the most prestigious in the world.

BUCS receives no annual funding for GB Students representation from the lottery or governmental arms and has no political interests.

CONTENT

- 6 - Foreword
- 7 - Leonz Eder - FISU President
- 8 - Summer Games Overview
- 9 - Winter Games Overview
- 10 - Summer Games Participation By Country Since 1959
- 20 - GB Students Summer Games Medallists
- 25 - Athletics Highlights
- 29 - Football Highlights
- 31 - Tennis Highlights
- 32 - Iain Bates Feature
- 34 - GB Students Tennis Medallists
- 37 - Caitlin McClatchey OLY Feature
- 38 - Swimming Highlights
- 40 - Kelly Simm Feature
- 41 - Other Sport Highlights
- 43 - Laurence Halsted Feature
- 44 - Chef De Missions
- 46 - Practioners
- 48 - Torino 2025
- 50 - Rhine Rhur 2025
- 52 - Winter Games Participation By Country Since 1960
- 54 - GB Students Winter Medallists
- 57 - Curling Highlights
- 58 - Anna Sloan OLY Feature
- 61 - Wilf O'Reilly MBE OLY Feature
- 62 - Shelly Rudman OLY Feature
- 65 - Tell Us Your Story



FOREWORD | MARC FORREST

BUCS INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE MANAGER

Legacy65 is a celebration of our incredible GB Students community and rich history since the inception of the FISU World University Games in 1959. Recognising the significant impact of GB Students representation at multi-sport Games as a proven contributor to Olympic, World, Commonwealth, and professional senior international success across the sporting system within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

With an ambition to empower a generation to inspire the next through international university sport, it is important to acknowledge

the inspirational stories and people that have shaped our distinguished history. We recognise the impact and importance of self-identity, with an endeavour to cultivate a sense of belonging across our GB Students alumni; celebrating not only their past, present and future sporting achievements but also how their experiences have shaped them as human beings in becoming exceptional leaders in sport and society. Furthermore, highlighting our vital role and purpose to aid the formative development of talented student-athletes, coaches and athlete support personnel (ASP) through high quality, regulated international multi-sport Games delivery and enriched Higher Education student experiences.

Whilst we embrace the successes of the past, we also recognise the opportunities for the future with a priority to ensure GB Students continued legacy and representation is accessible, inclusive and reflective of the diversity of modern British culture.

GB Students is the pinnacle of university sport with Legacy65 combining transformative data and unique personal insights to commemorate and highlight exceptional individuals with exceptional stories as part of our sporting heritage.



LEONZ EDER

FISU PRESIDENT

University sport has a proud history throughout the UK. This is hardly surprising given your country was responsible for much of the codification of organised sport itself. Nearly 200 years have passed since that first cricket match between Oxford and Cambridge, organised by a nephew of William Wordsworth. The first World University Games, the name by which FISU's premier competition is still known today, would come a century later.

It is not just for its part in the history of university sport, however, that FISU is proud to count British Universities & Colleges Sport as a member. University sport has much to

offer the students and the athletes of today and tomorrow. Whether healthy lifestyles for all or the promise of a career after sport, the symbiosis between university life and the expression of athleticism is as important and as relevant now as ever. We are grateful to British Universities & Colleges Sport for their continued leadership in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and wider contributions.



SUMMER WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

Edition	Year	Host City	Medal Total	G	S	B
30	2019	Naples (ITA)	10	3	3	4
29	2017	Taipei (TPE)	9	0	3	6
28	2015	Guangzhou (KOR)	11	3	4	4
27	2013	Kazan (RUS)	6	1	1	4
26	2011	Shenzhen (CHN)	5	2	1	2
25	2009	Belgrade (SRB)	7	3	1	3
24	2007	Bangkok (THA)	10	1	4	5
23	2005	Izmir (TUR)	19	3	9	7
22	2003	Daegu (KOR)	17	8	3	6
21	2001	Beijing (CHN)	10	4	2	4
20	1999	Palma (ESP)	10	1	3	6
19	1997	Sicily (ITA)	5	2	0	3
18	1995	Fukuoka (JPN)	10	0	3	7
17	1993	Buffalo (USA)	13	3	6	4
16	1991	Sheffield (GBR)	14	4	5	5
15	1989	Duisburg (GER)	4	1	1	2
14	1987	Zagreb (CRO)	9	4	1	4
13	1985	Kobe (JPN)	6	1	2	3
12	1983	Edmonton (CAN)	9	3	3	3
11	1981	Bucharest (ROU)	5	2	1	2
10	1979	Mexico City (MEX)	11	1	6	4
9	1977	Sofia (BUL)	5	0	4	1
8	1975	Rome (ITA)	3	0	1	2
7	1973	Moscow (RUS)	6	2	3	1
6	1970	Turin (ITA)	14	3	4	7
5	1967	Tokyo (JPN)	24	4	11	9
4	1965	Budapest (HUN)	9	1	4	4
3	1963	Porto Alegre (BRA)	16	4	6	3
2	1961	Sofia (BUL)	11	2	5	4
1	1959	Turin (ITA)	10	3	6	1
		Total	295	69	106	120

WINTER WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

Edition	Year	Host City	Medal Total	G	S	B
30	2023	Lake Placid (USA)	3	2	0	1
29	2019	Krasnoyarsk (RUS)	1	0	0	1
28	2017	Almaty (KAZ)	1	1	0	0
27	2015	Granada (ESP) & Štrbské Pleso (SVK)	1	0	0	1
26	2013	Trentino (ITA)	1	0	1	0
25	2011	Erzurum (TUR)	1	1	0	0
24	2009	Harbin (CHN)	0	0	0	0
23	2007	Turin (ITA)	1	0	1	0
22	2005	Innsbruck (AUT)	3	1	2	0
21	2003	Tarvisio (ITA)	2	0	1	1
20	2001	Zakopane (POL)	0	0	0	1
19	1999	Poprad-Tatry (SVK)	0	0	0	0
18	1997	Muju-Jeonju (KOR)	0	0	0	0
17	1995	Jaca (ESP)	0	0	0	0
16	1993	Zakopane (POL)	0	0	0	0
15	1991	Sapporo (JPN)	3	0	2	1
14	1989	Sofia (BUL)	0	0	0	0
13	1987	Štrbské Pleso (TCH)	0	0	0	0
12	1985	Belluno (ITA)	0	0	0	0
11	1983	Sofia (BUL)	0	0	0	0
10	1981	Jaca (ESP)	0	0	0	0
9	1978	Špindlerův Mlýn (TCH)	0	0	0	0
8	1975	Livigno (ITA)	0	0	0	0
7	1972	Lake Placid (USA)	0	0	0	0
6	1970	Rovaniemi (FIN)	0	0	0	0
5	1968	Innsbruck (AUT)	0	0	0	0
4	1966	Sestriere (ITA)	0	0	0	0
3	1964	Špindlerův Mlýn (TCH)	0	0	0	0
2	1962	Villars (SUI)	0	0	0	0
1	1960	Chamonix (FRA)	0	0	0	0
		Total	18	5	7	6

4412 No. Athletes, Coaches and ASP that have represented GB Students across Winter & Summer editions of FISU World University Games 9

“

THE WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES WAS A HUGE STARTING POINT FOR ME IN MY CAREER, I HAVE LOTS OF FOND MEMORIES. UNIVERSITY SPORT IS FANTASTIC FOR SO MANY PEOPLE ON SO MANY LEVELS; IT GAVE ME SO MUCH

”



Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill DBE OLY London 2012 Olympic and 3 x World Champion



ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS



John Herbert - 3 x Olympian & 1986 Commonwealth Games Champion

Herbert was the first black British athlete to compete in both Winter and Summer Olympics. He won World University Games triple jump bronze at Kobe 1985 representing GB Students. 3 time olympian represented Great Britain at the 1984 Summer Olympics and 1988 Summer Olympics. He competed in the four-man bobsleigh event at the 1994 Winter Olympics. Herbert served as an athletics coach for the jumping events at the 1996, 2000, and 2004 Summer Olympics for Great Britain. Graduate of The Central School of Art and Design. He competed in three Commonwealth Games.

Jonathan Edwards CBE - World Record Holder, Olympic, double World, European, European indoor and Commonwealth Champion

Widely considered one of the greatest track and field athletes in British history. The male world record holder for Triple Jump with a jump of 18.29 m (60 ft 0 in). Edwards broke the world record in the event in 1995 in Gothenburg. He studied Physics at Durham University and finished 9th for GB Students at 1987 Summer Universiade in Zagreb.

Jonathan was also inducted into the BUCS Hall Of Fame in 2023.



Lynn Davies CBE - Tokyo 1964 Olympian & Double Commonwealth Games Champion

Lynn Davies CBE nickname "Lynn the Leap", is a Welsh former long jumper. He set 17 British and Commonwealth records, 25 Welsh records, winning 6 AAA (British) and 8 Welsh titles and became Wales' first individual Olympic Athletics Champion when he won gold for GB in Tokyo 1964. He is also a double Commonwealth Games champion, winning titles in 1966 and 1970 (becoming the first man to win that title two times). Davies was created a CBE in June 2006, having previously received an MBE in 1967, Davies received an Honorary Fellowship from Cardiff Metropolitan University from which he graduated. He also become a senior lecturer at the University of Wales Institute in Cardiff.





“

I REALLY ENJOYED TAKING
PART IN THE WORLD

UNIVERSITY GAMES. THESE
GAMES ARE A STRONG
BUILDING BLOCK FOR
YOUNG ATHLETES.

”

BEVERLEY CALLENDER OLY

3 X OLYMPIAN, 2 X OLYMPIC MEDALLIST AND 2 X COMMONWEALTH GOLD MEDALLIST

Barbadus-born, Callender (nee Goddard) was a finalist at the Olympic Games, European Championships and Commonwealth Games.

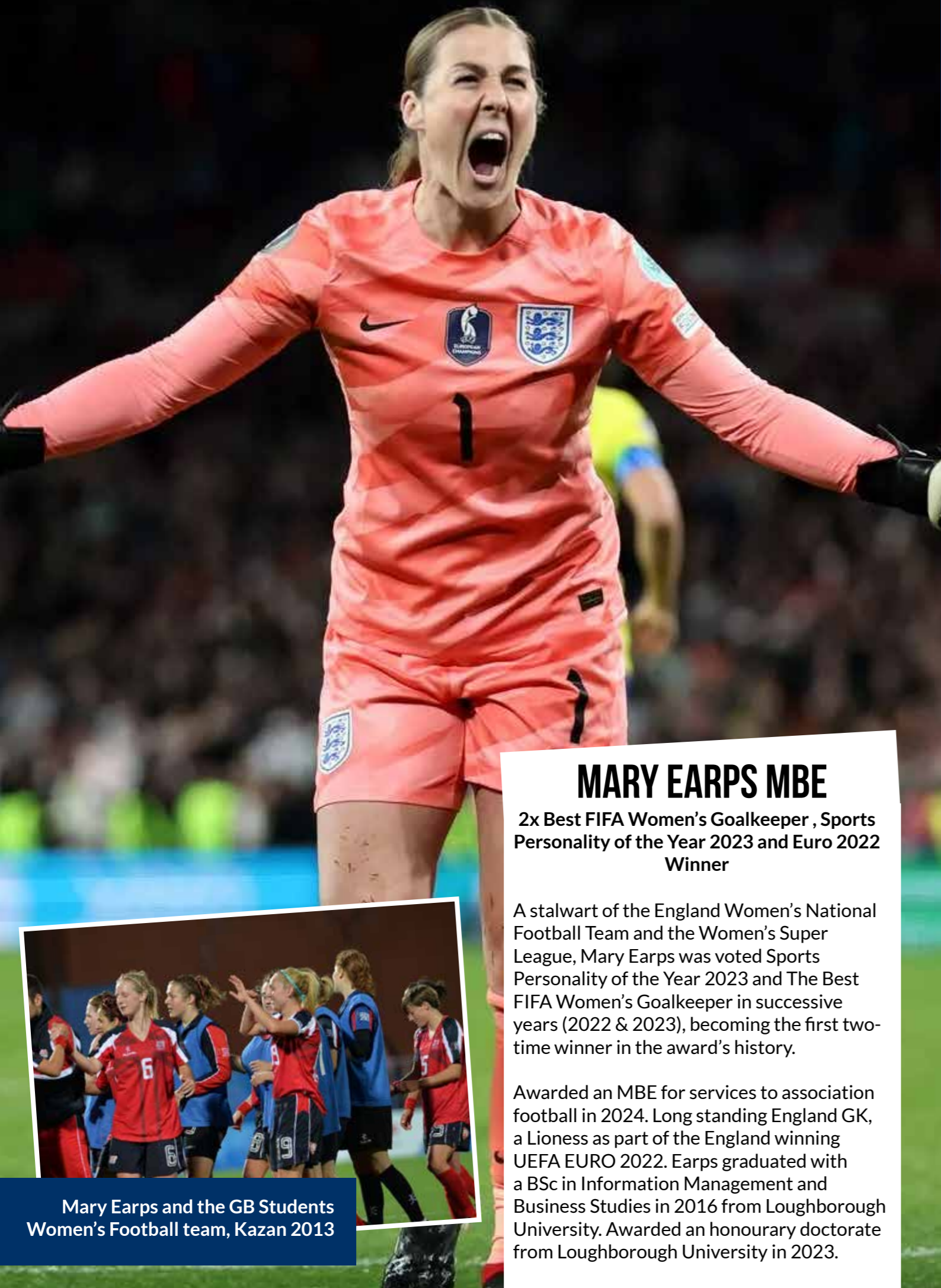
She collected Commonwealth Games titles for England in 1978 and 1982, European Championship silver medals also in both 1978 and 1982 and a silver medal in the first World Championships in 1983 with all the medals coming in the 4x100 relay. In both of her bronze medal winning Olympic relays she was entrusted with the third

leg and included a British record for the team set in Moscow. **“I really enjoying taking part in the World University Games. These Games are a strong building block for young athletes.** I remember still competing against the best in the world at my sprint events, as they were also students! The World University Games can be classed as a good initiation for what to expect when and if you do get to attend the major competitions such as Olympic and Commonwealth Games. I found the atmosphere quite relaxed at these games, which in

turn seem to aid performances. With good World University Games performances, came increased confidence and greater awareness of your capabilities, particularly as you were already competing against the best in your events. There was also a good sense of ‘Team’ spirit with support for and from others in the team. The World University Games was always an event my coach and I included in our targets for the year. I see these games as an important part of the roadmap for developing athletes.”



FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS



MARY EARPS MBE

2x Best FIFA Women's Goalkeeper, Sports Personality of the Year 2023 and Euro 2022 Winner

A stalwart of the England Women's National Football Team and the Women's Super League, Mary Earps was voted Sports Personality of the Year 2023 and The Best FIFA Women's Goalkeeper in successive years (2022 & 2023), becoming the first two-time winner in the award's history.

Awarded an MBE for services to association football in 2024. Long standing England GK, a Lioness as part of the England winning UEFA EURO 2022. Earps graduated with a BSc in Information Management and Business Studies in 2016 from Loughborough University. Awarded an honorary doctorate from Loughborough University in 2023.

Mary Earps and the GB Students Women's Football team, Kazan 2013



Fran Kirby OLY - Tokyo 2020 Olympian & UEFA Women's EURO 2022 Winner

Scored twice for GB Students in the final in Kazan winning 6-2 against Mexico. Chelsea Women All-time goalscorer, Kirby was a part of the Lionesses squad at the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup, the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup and the UEFA Women's Euro 2017 before winning the UEFA Women's Euro in 2022. Kirby was awarded the PFA Women's Players' Player of the Year 2018 and shortlisted for Ballon d'Or in 2021. She studied Applied Sports Coaching Science at Buckinghamshire New University graduating in 2015 also being awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Buckinghamshire New University in 2023.

Kay Cossington MBE - FA Women's Technical Director & UEFA Women's Technical Committee Member

Cossington was Head Coach of GB Students in Kazan 2013; "From the moment we turned up we were greeted as part of the [GB Students] cohort of all the British sports. We immediately felt a sense of belonging with everybody. Lots of personal and professional memories with some of the players within that tournament coming back and becoming household names and superstars of the WSL and England. Super memorable and super fun memories."



Demi Stokes OLY - Tokyo 2020 Olympian & UEFA Women's EURO 2022 Winner

Captain of GB Students winning gold at Kazan 2013. Stokes has been a regular name in the England Senior Lionesses' line-up ever since her debut in 2014. As a child, she played with Boldon CA Girls, as did future England teammates Steph Houghton and Jill Scott. Stokes was allotted 183 when the FA announced their legacy numbers scheme to honour the 50th anniversary of England's inaugural international.



“

PLAYING FOR GB STUDENTS IN THE WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES IS ONE OF MY FONDEST MEMORIES AS A PLAYER. I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED PLAYING ANY KIND OF TEAM TENNIS OR BEING IN A TEAM ENVIRONMENT; PLAYING FOR YOUR COUNTRY MAKES IT EXTRA SPECIAL. WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL THERE WAS THE BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN MY CAREER UP TIL THAT POINT AND GAVE ME HUGE CONFIDENCE AND BELIEF GOING FORWARD. WE HAD AN AMAZING TEAM AND HAD SO MUCH FUN AND I WISH I COULD HAVE MORE EXPERIENCES LIKE IT.

”



Joe Salisbury, Barry Scollo, Darren Walsh, Alistair Higham



Joe Salisbury at 28th Summer Universiade, Gwangju 2015

Joe Salisbury OLY
Tokyo 2020 Olympian, Former World No.1 & 6x
Grand Slam Champion

TENNIS HIGHLIGHTS

Dominic Inglot OLY - Rio 2016 Olympian and David Cup Winner

Nicknamed 'Dom the Bomb', Inglot made his Davis Cup debut in 2014 and was part of GB side to claim the title for first time in 79 years in 2015. He reached the semi finals of US open and the following year competed at the Rio 2016 Olympics. Dom studied at University of Virginia and was a doubles specialist; he made the final of twenty seven ATP World Tour events, winning fourteen.

“The World University Games was a fantastic experience. To be able to represent our country and be part of GB Students was an absolute honour and something I will always cherish. I made lifelong friends at that event, and from a tennis perspective, playing in the medal matches in particular was a brilliant confidence boost in my attempt to break onto the world tennis circuit. The calibre of players we played and were able to beat gave me a level of belief that I could make a career in this sport.”



Olivia Nicholls - Billie Jean King Cup 2022 & Wimbledon Mixed Doubles Championships 2023 Semi Finalist

‘The World University Games was an incredible experience for me. It was a huge honour to represent my country and GB Students. Tennis is usually an individual sport so it was a completely different feeling being in a multi sport event, and great to be able to mix with the other athletes from different sports. At the time I hadn't played in front of big crowds in big stadiums so that was an amazing feeling. To come away with a medal gave me a lot of confidence going into my professional career.’



16

GB Students medallists have competed at the Senior Wimbledon Championships.

11

medals at consecutive major international university events across Summer World University Games and Master U BNP World University Tennis Championships.



IAIN BATES

LTA HEAD OF WOMEN'S TENNIS & WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES GOLD MEDALLIST

LTA Olympic Team Leader for Paris 2024 after performing the role at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 Olympics Games and coaching at London 2012. Bates worked with Emma Raducanu from her early teens, with Raducanu elevated to the LTA's Pro Scholarship Programme at sixteen. Bates was part of her support team when winning the 2021 US Open aged 18, with her becoming the first qualifier in modern tennis history to win a Grand Slam. Considered one of the greatest underdog victories in British sporting history have been ranked 150th in the world prior to the competition. Bates won World University Games gold in the Men's Doubles competition alongside Jim May.

Talk to us about your experience of the FISU Summer World University Games?

"I attended two World University Games in Beijing in 2001 and Daegu in 2003. I absolutely loved both of these experiences and they were both huge highlights of my time playing University tennis and my entire playing career.

The opportunity to be part of a multi-sports games was unique and I loved meeting people from other sports as well as competing in my own. I met people and built relationships that still hold today both professionally and personally.

I reflect back with incredible memories and huge pride in being part of GB Students as a British team at such a big event as the World University Games and ultimately winning a gold medal was my biggest achievement in the game."

How do you feel the World University Games aided your formative development as a player?

"With tennis being such a global sport, I had so many formative experiences by the time I attended my first World University Games, but what I remember the most was the feeling of being part of a much bigger GB Students team and the pressure to perform to feel like you had made a contribution to the team as a whole.

That was something completely new and rare in tennis and learning to deal with that and cope with that pressure really helped me outside of the World University Games environment but also helped me going into my second World University Games, where we ended up winning gold.

I would also say that Beijing inspired me and watching a member of the tennis team win bronze in China gave me added motivation to come back and try to medal in Daegu."

Upon reflection, how do you feel the World University Games aided your formative development as a coach and programme manager?

"Nine years after my second World University Games I was a coach on the Olympic Team in London. Nothing could have prepared me better for that experience like attending a World University Games. I remember being in the village in London and thinking how it was so similar to what I had experienced in Beijing and Daegu and the way the Games was delivered by the British Olympic Association (BOA) had so many similarities.

I was then the Team Leader in Rio when Andy Murray became the first man in history to defend Olympic gold and Tokyo, and Paris in 2024 will be my third Olympic Games as Team Leader. I believe that my ability to lead in an Olympic environment stems back to what I saw and observed at World University Games.

More specifically, working as part of a multi-disciplinary team, communicating with GB Students and BUCS staff, managing a team, problem solving under pressure, working with colleagues from other sports, dealing with



international federations and importantly experiencing both success and disappointment.

This is also applicable every day as a Head of Department and at World University Games, I was observing all these things for the first time. Now I experience these things every day in a professional sport; so it is fair to say that World University Games was a huge part of my early, and informal development, and has contributed to the success I have had in my career to date and now 20+ years later."

What would you say were the benefits of competing for GB Students at international multi-sport Games?

"In tennis you don't get the chance to do this outside of the Olympics. So World University Games is unique in preparing any future Olympians both players and coaches in tennis to understand what competing in a multi sports games is and how to be successful especially managing a lot of the external noise in such an environment.

I have already mentioned the ability to cope with pressure, problem solve away from your normal routines, meeting and working with new people and build professional and personal relationships which last."

MASTER U BNP PARIBAS MEDALLISTS

Master U BNP Paribas Medallists	
Honfleur (FRA) 2023	
SILVER	Victoria Allen
SILVER	Millie Rajacki
SILVER	Esther Adeshina
SILVER	Finn Bass
SILVER	Michael Shaw
SILVER	Ewen Lumsden
Honfleur (FRA) 2022	
SILVER	Emily Arbuthnott
SILVER	Holly Hutchinson
SILVER	Nadia Rawson
SILVER	Charlie Broom
SILVER	Giles Hussey
SILVER	Ben Jones
Grenoble (FRA) 2019	
SILVER	Maia Lumsden
SILVER	Ella Taylor
SILVER	Emily Arbuthnott
SILVER	Ben Jones
SILVER	George Houghton
SILVER	Daniel Little
Grenoble (FRA) 2018	
SILVER	Maia Lumsden
SILVER	Laura Sainsbury
SILVER	Manisha Foster
SILVER	Jack Findel-Hawkins
SILVER	Isaac Stoute
SILVER	Ben Jones
Marcq-en-Baroeul - Métropole Européenne de Lille (FRA) 2017	
GOLD	Maia Lumsden
GOLD	Emma Hurst
GOLD	Pippa Horn
GOLD	Jack Findel-Hawkins
GOLD	Scott Duncan
GOLD	Jonny O'Mara
Marcq-en-Baroeul - Métropole Européenne de Lille (FRA) 2016	
BRONZE	Olivia Nicholls
BRONZE	Alicia Barnett
BRONZE	Emma Hurst
BRONZE	Scott Duncan
BRONZE	Jonny Binding
BRONZE	Mark Whitehouse
Aix-en-Provence (FRA) 2013	
BRONZE	Steph Cornish
BRONZE	Georgia Craven
BRONZE	Alex Walker
BRONZE	Scott Duncan
BRONZE	Darren Walsh

FISU SUMMER WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES TENNIS MEDALLISTS

Naples (ITA) 2019		
SILVER	Emily Arbuthnott	W Singles Tennis
Taipei (TPE) 2017		
SILVER	Jack Findel-Hawkins	M Tennis Doubles
SILVER	Luke Johnson	M Tennis Doubles
BRONZE	Olivia Nicholls	W Tennis Doubles
BRONZE	Emily Arbuthnott	W Tennis Doubles
Guangzhou (KOR) 2015		
GOLD	Joe Salisbury	M Tennis Doubles
GOLD	Darren Walsh	M Tennis Doubles
SILVER	Alex Walker	Mixed Doubles Tennis
SILVER	Darren Walsh	Mixed Doubles Tennis
Belgrade (SRB) 2009		
SILVER	Dominic Inglot	M Doubles Tennis
SILVER	Max Jones	M Doubles Tennis
BRONZE	Dominic Inglot	Mixed Doubles Tennis
BRONZE	Samantha Murray	Mixed Doubles Tennis
Daegu (KOR) 2003		
GOLD	Iain Bates	M Doubles Tennis
GOLD	Jim May	M Doubles Tennis
Beijing (CHN) 2001		
BRONZE	Amanda Janes	W Singles Tennis
Fukuoka (JPN) 1995		
SILVER	Paul Robinson	M Mixed Doubles Tennis
SILVER	Samantha Smith	M Mixed Doubles Tennis
SILVER	Nicholas Adams	M Doubles Tennis
SILVER	Richard Holden	M Doubles Tennis
Buffalo (USA) 1993		
SILVER	Jeffrey Hunter	M Singles Tennis
BRONZE	Samantha Smith	W Singles Tennis
Sheffield (GBR) 1991		
SILVER	Jeffrey Hunter	M Doubles Tennis
SILVER	Mark Loosemore	M Doubles Tennis
BRONZE	Jeffrey Hunter	M Singles Tennis
Kobe (JPN) 1985		
SILVER	Elizabeth Jones	W Doubles Tennis
SILVER	Joy Tacon	W Doubles Tennis
Tokyo (JPN) 1967		
GOLD	Nell Truman	W Singles Tennis
BRONZE	Frances MacLennan	W Doubles Tennis
BRONZE	Nell Truman	W Doubles Tennis



CAITLIN MCCLATCHEY OLY

3X OLYMPIAN (2004, 2008, 2012) 2X COMMONWEALTH CHAMPION AND 5 X WORLD MEDALLIST. FORMER BRITISH RECORD HOLDER IN 100M, 200M AND 400M FREESTYLE

“

TRUTHFULLY, IT WAS JOY TO WIN TWO BRONZE MEDALS FOR GB STUDENTS AS I FELT I HAD ALSO RE-PAYED THE SUPPORT OF MY UNIVERSITY.

”

CAITLIN MCCLATCHEY OLY



environment and high-level competition, the World University Games are akin to an Olympic Games. They were incredibly competitive to participate in as an athlete but equally fun and enjoyable as a personal experience, as it came at a point in my development where I could embrace and absorb the occasion whilst being more exploratory with regards to race practice compared to major senior competition in which there are more external pressures. I loved the environment as it was a real melting pot of different sports both nationally and internationally coming together. I embraced the ability to interact with and observe different world-class athletes and how they operated across a variety of disciplines. Truthfully, it was joy to win two bronze medals for GB Students as I felt I had also re-paid the support of my university, which I have never forgotten. As the largest multi-sport Games to the Olympics, there is no doubt it should be a priority for NGBs and federations”.

Following in the footsteps of her mother Louise McClatchey nee Ross, who competed at the 1973 Summer Universiade finishing 4th in the 100m Butterfly and went on to compete for Scotland at 1974 Commonwealth Games in Christchurch. Caitlin now works for Team GB.

“I am a huge advocate for the World University Games as a multi-sport Games opportunity and stepping stone to the Olympic Games. With outstanding facilities, stringent technical regulations, a unique Games



SWIMMING HIGHLIGHTS



Liam Tancock OLY - Olympian, 10x Commonwealth Medallist, three-time world champion and a four-time Commonwealth Games gold medallist.

Liam became the first British world record holder in swimming for 18 years and held the world record in the 50-metre backstroke for almost a decade. Competed at 2008 Beijing and London 2012 Olympic Games and won World University Games gold in Izmir 2005. "The World University Games was massive and my first opportunity to compete at a multi-sport Games. It was a huge eye opener for me, in terms of the size, scale and number of athletes, it is absolutely massive. Having that experience under my belt going into the Olympic Games was really imperative to be honest, I learnt a huge amount. It was the experience of being amongst like-minded people from across all the sports and around the world, in a fun environment and as part of an empowering group of people. Surrounded by like-minded people who wanting to do their best coming together all in one place, it was really really special. An amazing time, that gave me so much and that I think about still to this day. To come away with a medal for GB Student and Great Britain was pretty special but also to be a part of something bigger and such a huge spectacle was something I really enjoyed. Absolutely loved it, would do it again in a heartbeat and I hope it continues forever."

Christine Gosden OLY - 2x Olympian 200m breaststroke & 6x World University Games medallist

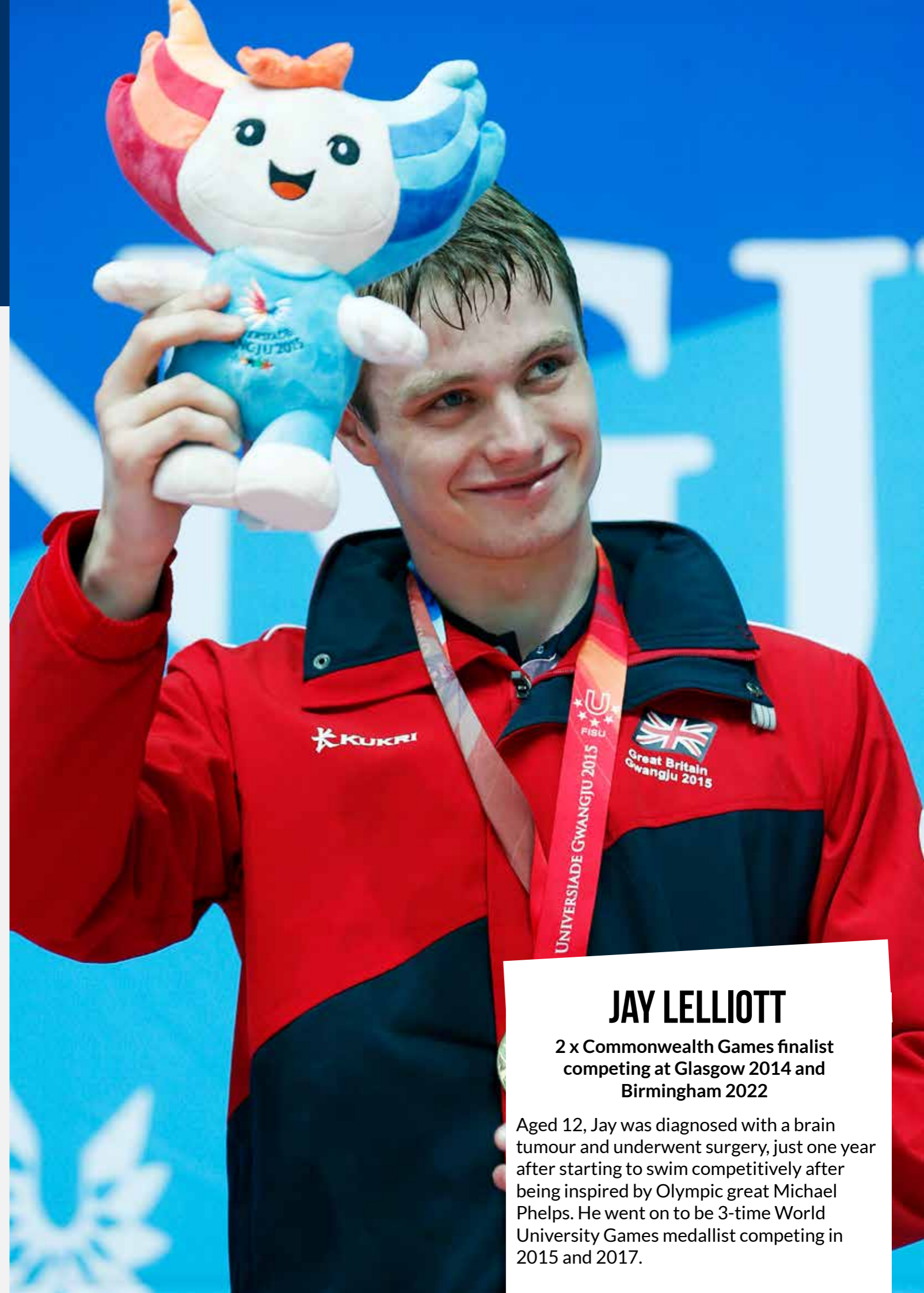
Christine Gosden competed at the 1956 and 1960 Summer Olympic Games. Bronze medallist in the 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games 220 yards Breaststroke. In the 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games 110 yards butterfly she finished fourth. In the British Empire and Commonwealth Games she competed for England.

6 x World University Games medallist across Turin 1959 and Sofia 1961



Bobby McGregor MBE OLY

Nicknamed the 'Falkirk Flyer', he competed in eight events at the 1965 and 1968 Summer Olympics. Olympic selectors could not believe that he trained in a 25-metre pool in Falkirk when the selectors arrived to critique him prior to the Tokyo Olympics. McGregor competed at the 1962 and 1966 British Empire and Commonwealth Games, winning a silver medal on each occasion. His father, David McGregor, was an Olympic water polo player.



JAY LELLIOTT

2 x Commonwealth Games finalist competing at Glasgow 2014 and Birmingham 2022

Aged 12, Jay was diagnosed with a brain tumour and underwent surgery, just one year after starting to swim competitively after being inspired by Olympic great Michael Phelps. He went on to be 3-time World University Games medallist competing in 2015 and 2017.

KELLY SIMM | ARTISTIC GYMNAST

FOUR TIME COMMONWEALTH MEDALLIST & WORLD BRONZE MEDALLIST

The World University Games was one of the highlights of my whole international sporting career. My experience from start to finish was fantastic, and knowing that every athlete was there not only because

of a common goal of wanting to be their best in their sport, but also juggling the demands of higher education was really special. All international competitions are so valuable as an athlete, with multi-sport events being few and far between. It was amazing flying out Gwangju (South Korea) and getting the opportunity to stay in another athletes village, getting more experience of dealing with the pressures of the buzz around these types of events and the distractions that can come with it.

Being able to represent my country, my club and my university was a huge honour, and being the first British gymnast to win the all-around event will always be something I will be incredibly proud of. It was such a high level of competition, with some of the best gymnasts in the world competing, and it was a huge confidence booster for me taking three medals away from those games, especially after the pressures and excitement of being chosen as flag bearer at the opening ceremony!

I will always take such incredible memories from the World University Games. I have always promoted the huge benefits I feel can come from pursuing education alongside sport, and opportunities like this show that a dual career doesn't have to hold you back from having an international sporting career. University helped shape me into a more well rounded person, and gave me skills my sport alone couldn't give me. This competition gave me a huge amount of pride in being able to represent my university and my country, and hopefully shows more young gymnasts / athletes that they can excel at both.



OTHER SPORT HIGHLIGHTS



Liz Ferris | Diving

Olympic medallist in diving who has dedicated much of her life to the advancement of opportunities for women and girls in sport. Ferris won her first international fame at the 1958 British Empire Games, where she won a bronze in springboard. Won bronze at the 1960 Olympics. At the 1961 Universiade Ferris won both springboard and platform golds and at the 1962 Commonwealth Games, won silver in springboard. Ferris participated in the inaugural Women in Sport Conference organized by the IOC in 1976 during a period when less than 21 percent of competitors across both summer and winter Olympics were women. She studied at the University of London before qualifying as a doctor from Middlesex Hospital Medical School.

Mercy Brown | Commonwealth Games Weightlifter

"This experience was quite surreal because before attending the FISU World University Games I was quite unsure of what to expect but once arriving, it was exciting and exhilarating to see it shared key similarities to other global multi-sport games. It had the nostalgia of my Commonwealth Games experience and the platform to use that experience gained to give my best at this competition.

Experiencing a multi-sports game prior gave me the advantage tactically but also practically to be able to give one of my best performances and bounce back from what was a trying start to the competition. We were able to boost my PB substantially whilst also bringing me out of my comfort zone, to really work hard for the medal. A pivotal moment in shaping my mindset that has completely changed my life in different areas away from sport."





LAURENCE HALSTED

TWO TIME OLYMPIC FENCER AND DIRECTOR OF MENTORING AT THE TRUE ATHLETE PROJECT

I have only the most positive memories of my experiences at the World University Games. I competed in two, in Turkey and Bangkok, and these were my first experiences of being at a major, multi-sport event. I was truly blown away and loved every bit of it.

To come from a small sport of fencing, this felt like I was taking part in something huge and just very special. I particularly loved meeting all the other athletes from different sports and exploring the athletes village. I hadn't experienced anything like this scale of event and it gave me two things that made a big difference in my sporting career. First it provided a massive boost in motivation - this was where I wanted to be, competing on the biggest stages in the world in my sport.

For fencing it's just the Olympics and University Games that come close to this magnitude. So it provided a real fire to push on and experience more of this kind of event. Secondly it helped me become a little more used to such a mega-event. By the time I competed in the London Olympics, I had already had both my University Games, and while the Olympics is bigger still, my experiences in Turkey and Bangkok were incredibly valuable in making me more comfortable in London and then the Rio Olympics. In fact, I never felt overwhelmed by the Olympic environment which a lot of athletes experience, and I would put a large part of that down to my having been in something similar before. And then it also helped that I got my first breakthrough senior medal in The University Games in Bangkok, a bronze. It was the first fencing medal for Britain at these Games since the 1970's, and it holds significant sentimental value to me. At that time my dad had an inoperable brain tumor and was close to passing on. I was weighing up if I should take such a long trip to Bangkok to compete, but we decided as a family that my dad would most want me to go - he was himself an Olympic fencer. I took a flight out the day before competing, had a very slow, jet-lagged start to my competition but then warmed up and the day ended with this medal that I then took straight home to celebrate with my dad, shortly before he died.

It was my first bit of evidence that I might be able to make it at the senior level in the sport, and to share that with my dad was just very special.

So, all in all, the World University Games hold a unique place in my mind, development and heart. I would recommend everyone who has the chance to attend. Whether it leads to other experiences like it, or stands alone, it will be worth it.

CHEF DE MISSIONS



Frankie Carter-Kelly - Team GB Deputy Chef de Mission for Paris 2024 Olympics

Chef de Mission for GB Students at the Krasnoyarsk 2019 Winter World University Games. Carter-Kelly oversaw the development and delivery of Team England's preparation camp for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. Appointed as a Team England Deputy Chef de Mission for Commonwealth Games Birmingham 2022 and Chef de Mission for the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games. Currently serves as Commonwealth Games England's Director of Sport and Performance.

"The World University Games provided me with my first opportunity to lead a delegation at a multi-sport Games and I will be forever grateful to BUCS for entrusting me in 2019. The Games itself provided a great platform for athletes, coaches, and ASP to experience a multi-sport Games, for many the first time, and the opportunity and challenges that come with it. The experience I gained at WUGs contributed to my understanding and knowledge on what it takes to be a Chef de Mission and how to create the best environment for athletes and support staff to thrive. The memories will stay with me forever, and I have already seen several of the GB Students ASP go on to work in the Commonwealth and Olympic environment, all building on their experience of WUGs."

Jan Paterson OBE - Team GB Deputy Chef de Mission for London 2012 Olympics

Chief Executive of the British Olympic Foundation for 19 years and former Director of Olympic Relations at the BOA. Paterson worked as part of GB Students across five World University Games and was Chef de Mission for GB Students in Belgrade 2009 before becoming the first female Chef De Mission ever for Team GB, at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore. Appointed Team GB's Deputy Chef de Mission for London 2012 Olympics and Chef de Mission for Team England at Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.



SUMMER GAMES		
YEAR	HOST CITY	CHEF
2025	Rhine-Ruhr (GER)	Stew Fowlie
2019	Naples (ITA)	Stew Fowlie
2017	Taipei (TPE)	Andy Hibbert
2015	Guangzhou (KOR)	Andy Hibbert
2013	Kazan (RUS)	Andy Hibbert
2011	Shenzhen (CHN)	Graeme Maw
2009	Belgrade (SRB)	Jan Paterson
2007	Bangkok (THA)	Iain Moir
2005	Izmir (TUR)	Iain Moir
2003	Daegu (KOR)	Jenny Brown
2001	Beijing (CHN)	Jenny Brown
1999	Palma (ESP)	Jenny Brown
1997	Sicily (ITA)	Graham Rayner

WINTER GAMES		
YEAR	HOST CITY	CHEF
2025	Torino (ITA)	Chris Purdie
2023	Lake Placid (USA)	Chris Purdie
2019	Krasnoyarsk (RUS)	Frankie Carter-Kelly
2017	Almaty (KAZ)	Neil Rogers
2015	Granada (ESP) & Štrbské Pleso (SVK)	Neil Rogers
2013	Trentino (ITA)	Neil Rogers
2011	Erzurum (TUR)	Trudi Else
2009	Harbin (CHN)	Guy Taylor
2007	Turin (ITA)	Guy Taylor
2005	Innsbruck (AUT)	Guy Taylor
2003	Tarvisio (ITA)	Guy Taylor
2001	Zakopane (POL)	Guy Taylor
1999	Poprad-Tatry (SVK)	Guy Taylor



Guy Taylor - National Director of the Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme

GB Students Chef de Mission at six FISU World University Games across a 10 year period between 1999 to 2009. Taylor is National Director for the Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) and has been for over 20 years since its inception in 2003.

PRACTITIONERS



Nicki Combarro - Team GB's Chief Physiotherapist for Paris Olympics 2024

Nicki was Head Physio for GB Students in Kazan 2013. A highly respected and long standing member of Team GB at the London and Rio Olympics. In addition, was part of England's Commonwealth Games Team at Manchester 2002, Melbourne 2006, Delhi 2010, Glasgow 2014 including Chief Physiotherapist in Birmingham 2022. Nicki was selected as Head Physiotherapist for Team GB at the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang in 2018, and also at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.

Tom Crisp - 4 x Chief Medical Officer for World University Games

GB Students Chief Medical Officer for four Games World University Games between Buffalo 1993 until Palma 1999 following involvement in the medical provision for Sheffield 1991. Tom went on to become Team GB HQ Medical Officer for the Atlanta 1996 Summer Olympics and Chief Medical Officer at the Sydney 2000 Paralympics. He has been a member of the FISU International Medical Commission since 1997, attending over 20 FISU World University Games. Crisp was awarded the BUCS AD Munrow Award in 2023 for services to international sport.



TORINO - 2025



FISU
WORLD
UNIVERSITY
GAMES
WINTER

FISU WINTER WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES



next year following Lake Placid 2023. I am eager to provide a truly enriching experience for both athletes and support staff who will hopefully use this event as a fantastic opportunity on their career pathway. "The World University Winter Games is among the world's largest winter multi-sport competitions and is an incredibly special event. I am excited about leading the team at the 32nd winter edition, with Turin having such a rich history with the Games including previously being held in 2007. Lake Placid was a memorable Games for GB Students with it being our most successful delegation, and hopefully Torino will provide another opportunity for athletes to perform on the World Stage. It will be a chance to engage and compete with individuals from other sports all around the world is something I know the athletes will be looking forward to and the whole event will be a learning experience. I am sure GB Students will compete to the best of their ability and we will see a number of future stars emerge, who will hopefully go on to represent Great Britain as a senior level."

Chris Purdie - GB Students Chef de Mission: Torino 2025

"It is a honour to be asked by British Universities & Colleges Sport to remain the Chef de Mission for the Winter World University Games in Torino"

The FISU Games return to their birthplace of Torino for the first time since 2007. Six municipalities will host 11 sports over the course of 11 days of competition between 13-23 January 2025 at the 2025 FISU World University Games Winter in Italy's Piemonte region.

Alpine skiing, snowboarding, and freestyle will be in Bardonecchia, Pragelato will host cross-country skiing, biathlon, and the optional sport of ski orienteering, Pinerolo and Torre Pellice will welcome ice hockey, the other optional sport of ski mountaineering will be held in Sestriere, while competition in figure skating, short track speed skating, curling, and ice hockey will be held

in Torino. The majority of sports will be held at renovated venues previously used at the 2006 Winter Olympic Games.

For the first time in the history of the FISU Winter World University Games, parastudent-athletes will compete as events will be held in both alpine and cross-country skiing. In many ways the Torino 2025 FISU Games will be a return home for FISU, which was founded in the Italian city in 1949. Torino proceeds Lake Placid 2023 which saw the most successful GB Students delegation in the history of the competition since the inception of the Winter Universiade in 1960.



RHINE RUHR - 2025



FISU
WORLD
UNIVERSITY
GAMES
SUMMER

FISU SUMMER WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES



The 32nd edition of the event, is scheduled to be held from 16 to 27 July 2025. The state of North Rhine-Westphalia and the five cities of the Rhine-Ruhr Metropolitan Region in Germany; Bochum, Duisburg, Düsseldorf, Essen and Mülheim an der Ruhr will host the best university athletes from across the world for twelve days of international competition.

The Games are held in Germany for the second time following the Summer Universiade 1989 in Duisburg. In addition, it will be the first time in history that an entire region will host the world's largest multi-sport Games for talented student athletes.

Over 10,000 student-athletes and officials from more than 160 countries are anticipated to compete across 18 sports, including archery, artistic gymnastics, athletics, badminton, basketball, beach volleyball, diving, fencing, judo, rhythmic gymnastics, rowing, swimming, taekwondo, table tennis, tennis, volleyball, water polo, and 3x3 basketball including 3x3 wheelchair basketball. Notably, the first time para-sport is officially included as part of the FISU Summer World University Games competition schedule.



Stew Fowlie - GB Student Chef de Mission: Rhine-Ruhr 2025

"I have the honour of being the Chef De Mission for GB Students at the next World University Summer Games, Rhine Ruhr 2025. GB Students

representation is a massive privilege and the FISU World University Games provide a hugely enjoyable and stimulating environment.

The Games can be a proud zenith in a student-athlete's career in which world-class performances are required to compete amongst the very best talented student athletes from over 160 countries globally. History shows that that for a significant number of athletes and athlete support personnel, this may be an all-important stepping stone on their journey in European, Commonwealth, World and Olympic level sport.

The Rhine-Ruhr 2025 Games will be a brilliant opportunity for everyone involved under the BUCS & GB Students banner. For my part, I can't wait to proudly lead and support a talented multi-sport team full of the most impressive athletes and staff, and to help galvanise their efforts to explore, enjoy and excel through the experience."



GB STUDENT WINTER WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES MEDALLISTS (1960-2023)

Lake Placid (USA) 2023			
1	GOLD	Scott Johns	Freeski
2	GOLD	James Craik	M Curling
3	GOLD	Mark Watt	M Curling
4	GOLD	Argus Bryce	M Curling
5	GOLD	Blair Haswell	M Curling
6	GOLD	Jack Carrick	M Curling
7	BRONZE	Thea Fenwick	Freeski
Krasnoyarsk (RUS) 2019			
1	BRONZE	Ross Whyte	M Curling
2	BRONZE	Duncan McFadzean	M Curling
3	BRONZE	Ryan McCormack	M Curling
4	BRONZE	Robin McCall	M Curling
5	BRONZE	Luke Carson	M Curling
Almaty (KAZ) 2017			
1	GOLD	Bruce Mouat	M Curling
2	GOLD	Bobby Lammie	M Curling
3	GOLD	Gregor Cannon	M Curling
4	GOLD	Derrick Sloan	M Curling
5	GOLD	Alasdair Schreiber	M Curling
Granada (ESP) 2015			
1	BRONZE	Kyle Smith	M Curling
2	BRONZE	Grant Hardie	M Curling
3	BRONZE	Thomas Muirhead	M Curling
4	BRONZE	Alasdair Schreiber	M Curling
5	BRONZE	Stuart Taylor	M Curling
Trentino (ITA) 2013			
1	SILVER	Kyle Smith	W Curling
2	SILVER	Thomas Muirhead	W Curling
3	SILVER	Kyle Waddell	W Curling
4	SILVER	Cameron Smith	W Curling
5	SILVER	Derrick Sloan	W Curling
Erzurum (TUR) 2011			
1	SILVER	Anna Sloan	W Curling
2	SILVER	Lauren Gray	W Curling
3	SILVER	Vicki Adams	W Curling
4	SILVER	Sarah Macintyre	W Curling
5	SILVER	Claire Hamilton	W Curling
Turin (ITA) 2007			
1	SILVER	John Hamilton	M Curling
2	SILVER	Andrew Craigie	M Curling
3	SILVER	Iain Chalmers	M Curling
4	SILVER	Graeme Copland	M Curling
5	SILVER	Ross Paterson	M Curling
Innsbruck (AUT) 2005			
1	GOLD	Shelley Rudman	W Skeleton
2	SILVER	Amy Williams	W Skeleton
3	SILVER	Adam Pengilly	M Skeleton
Tarviso (ITA) 2003			
1	SILVER	Amanda Pirie	Freeski
2	BRONZE	Amanda Pirie	Freeski
Zakopane (POL) 2001			
1	BRONZE	Tessa Pirie	Alpine Skiing
Sapporo (JPN) 1991			
1	SILVER	Ingrid Grant	Alpine Skiing
2	SILVER	Wilf O'Reilly	Speed Skating
3	BRONZE	Wilf O'Reilly	Speed Skating

WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES ALUMNI AT 3 MOST RECENT WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

Beijing (CHN) 2022			
WUGs	Name	Olympic Medal	Sport
Krasnoyarsk 2019	Mili Smith MBE OLY	G	W Curling
Trentino 2013	Jennifer Dodds MBE OLY	G	W Curling
Granada 2015	Grant Hardie OLY	S	M Curling
Almaty 2017	Bruce Mouat OLY	S	M Curling
Almaty 2017	Bobby Lammie OLY	S	M Curling
Krasnoyarsk 2019	Ross Whyte OLY	S	M Curling
Almaty 2017	Ellia Smeding OLY	6th	Speed Skating
Almay 2017	Cornelius Kersten OLY	6th	Speed Skating
PyeongChang (KOR) 2018			
Trentino 2013 & Granada 2015	Tom Muirhead	5th	M Curling
Trentino 2013 & Granada 2016	Kyle Smith OLY	5th	M Curling
Trentino 2013	Kyle Waddell OLY	5th	M Curling
Trentino 2013	Cameron Smith OLY	5th	M Curling
Erzurum 2011	Anna Sloan OLY	4th	W Curling
Erzurum 2011 & Trentino 2013	Lauren Gray OLY	4th	W Curling
Harbin 2009 & Erzurum 2011	Vicki Adams OLY	4th	W Curling
Sochi (RUS) 2014			
Erzurum 2011	Anna Sloan OLY	G	W Curling
Erzurum 2011 & Trentino 2013	Lauren Gray OLY	G	W Curling
Harbin 2009 & Erzurum 2011	Vicki Adams OLY	G	W Curling
Erzurum 2011	Claire Hamilton OLY	G	W Curling
2009 Harbin & 2011 Ezrum	Michael Goodfellow OLY	S	M Curling
Erzurum 2011	Greg Drummond OLY	S	M Curling

Last 3 Winter Olympic Games	
18 World University Games Student Alumni selected to Winter Olympics	
Representing Team GB on 21 occasions with 3 athletes competing at the Winter Olympics twice during this time	
12 Medals won by the 18 Winter World University Games Student Alumni	
66% Two thirds of the 18 World University Games Student alumni won a Winter Olympic medal	

“

I BELIEVE THAT WITHOUT THE EXPERIENCE OF WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES I WOULD NOT HAVE PERFORMED AS WELL AS I DID AT THE OLYMPICS

”



Bruce Mouat OLY
Beijing 2022 Olympic Silver and World Champion

CURLING HIGHLIGHTS



Bruce Mouat OLY - Beijing 2022 Olympic Silver and World Champion

Mouat partnered by Jennifer Dodds MBE were crowned Mixed Doubles World Champions in 2021 gaining qualification for Beijing 2022. Subsequently, he became the first British curler to represent Team GB in both the mixed doubles and men's team disciplines. He captained the men's team to Olympic silver with Dodds winning Olympic gold as part of the Women's team. Mouat won World University Games silver as captain of the Men's Team in Almaty 2017

with Dodds winning gold in Trentino 2013 as part of the Women's Team.

"The World University Games was an event in my career that I consider to be one of my biggest and best learning experiences. While studying at university, I enjoyed having an event that I could focus on and set goals towards. The World University Games allowed me to compete for GB Students, against some of the best athletes from all around the world in a multi-sport environment and added fuel to the fire of my Olympic dream. I believe that without the experience of World University Games I would not have performed as well as I did at the Olympics"



DID YOU KNOW?

Mili Smith MBE is the daughter of 1991 World Champion David Smith and sister to older brothers Kyle and Cameron, who were both part of the Team GB Men's Curling Team in PyeongChang 2018 and won World University Games silver in Trentino 2013 for GB Students and Kyle winning a further bronze at Granada 2015.



ANNA SLOAN OLY
2014 SOCHI OLYMPIC BRONZE AND WORLD CHAMPION

The Scot won gold at the World University Games in 2011, in the same year she linked up with skip Eve Muirhead, with whom she won her first senior world title in 2013.

Glasgow Caledonian University graduate Sloan made her Olympic debut at Sochi 2014, winning bronze alongside Muirhead, Vicki Adams and Claire Hamilton. At the Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang in 2018, Sloan was again part of Muirhead's rink as they finished fourth.

Reflecting upon the World University Games, how do you feel the Games aided your formative development?

"It was the second time being part of a multi sport event and it enabled me to enhance my social skills and create relationships with others from all over the country with a passion for winter sport. GB Students is a selected representative team, in order for us to do well we had to manage our expectations of one another and also come up with a way quickly and effectively to get the best out of each other in order to gain success."

Reflecting upon the World University Games, how do you feel the Games enriched your HE student experience?

"It gave me an additional purpose to student life. I was always a home bird and didn't really enjoy the stereo typical student lifestyle at the start. This not only got me recognition from my peers, it also enhanced my relationships as they were very good at keeping me up to date and letting me read over learnings that I had missed when being away competing at the games."

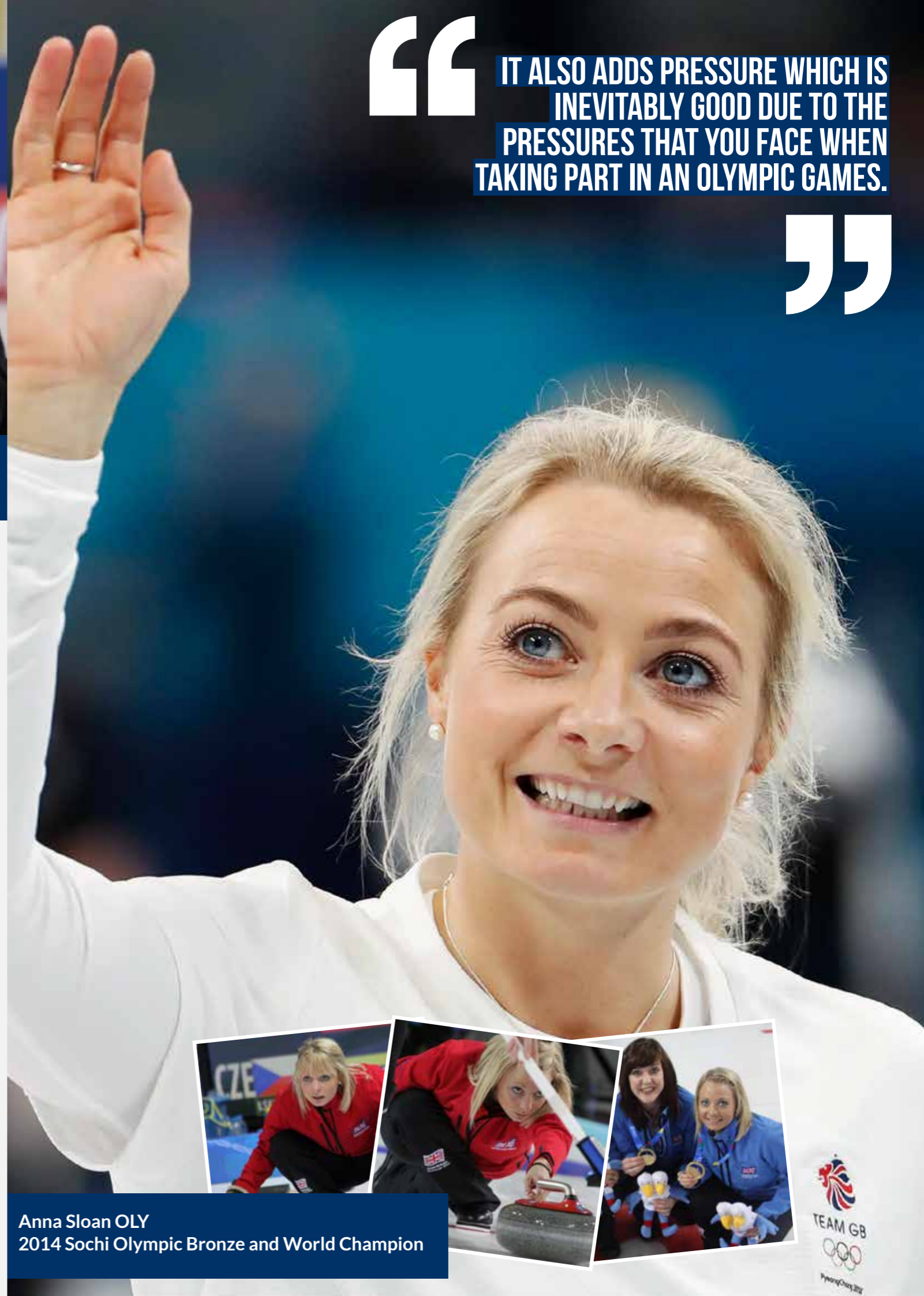
How important do you feel international multi-sport Games experience is ahead of competing at an Olympic Games?

This is massive and should not go unrecognised. It is a chance for you to be part of a much larger team and system. It meant that we learned how to prioritise our own sporting discipline but then support others at the same time. It also adds pressure which is inevitably good due to the pressures that you face when taking part in an Olympic Games.

What are your fondest memories of the FISU World University Games?

Definitely our team morale. We worked so well together and I just remember lots of laughter in between games. Another fond memory is that our rooms looked out onto the ski jump slope so at nights we would spend hours in awe watching other competitors.

“ IT ALSO ADDS PRESSURE WHICH IS INEVITABLY GOOD DUE TO THE PRESSURES THAT YOU FACE WHEN TAKING PART IN AN OLYMPIC GAMES. ”



Anna Sloan OLY
2014 Sochi Olympic Bronze and World Champion





“

IF YOU EVER HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE AT A UNIVERSITY GAMES, I WOULD CERTAINLY RECOMMEND IT.

”

WILF O'REILLY MBE OLY **2 X WINTER OLYMPIAN AND WORLD CHAMPION**

Born to an African-American father and Irish mother, O'Reilly was given his first pair of inline skates aged eight. The thrills and spills of short track speed skating suited him perfectly and having watched John Curry win figure skating gold in 1976, he pursued an Olympic dream. Wilf O'Reilly won double gold at Calgary 1988.

He also went on to appear at the 1992 and 1994 Olympic Games, carrying the flag for Team GB in Albertville for the closing ceremony. O'Reilly was awarded the MBE in 1997. O'Reilly commentated alongside Hugh Porter for BBC Sport on Speed skating at the Winter Olympics in both 2010 in Vancouver and 2014 in Sochi, and partnered Simon Brotherton in both 2018 in PyeongChang, and 2022 in Beijing. Degree in Business & Finance (Wolverhampton University) & Degree in Sports Psychology (University of Amsterdam)

“I competed in the Winter World University Games in Sapporo, Japan in 1991. This was my first-ever University Games Event, and I was not too sure what to expect. Having competed at many FISU World Championships and the Calgary Winter Olympic Games (1988), I felt confident that these games would be a good experience, in a word it was, **AMAZING.**”

It is certainly on par with an Olympic Games in terms of a multi-sports event, Opening and Closing ceremonies, a medal plaza (where you receive your medals), and an Olympic buzz during the whole period.

The awareness and large scale of the Winter University Games are, in my opinion, is still somewhat under utilised. Very few Universities, National Olympic Committees, National Sport Federations, TV, and sponsors fully appreciate the opportunity given how professional the event really is.

Countries like the USA or Korea use the University structure to enhance sport, supporting athletes by giving them time off to train or compete. A financial contribution to cover travel costs, etc., is made available. This was not the case in 1991.

In terms of an athlete's long-term development, the Winter University Games is a **MUST.** For me, it was the ideal 'steppingstone' between World Championships and the Winter Olympic Games.

If you ever have an opportunity to compete at a University Games, I would certainly recommend it.”



Wilf O'Reilly MBE OLY
2 x Winter Olympian and World Champion

SHELLEY RUDMAN OLY

3X OLYMPIAN, WORLD CHAMPION AND 2006 WINTER OLYMPIC SILVER MEDALLIST

WON WINTER WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES GOLD IN INNSBRUCK 2005

With regards to the World University Games, it was one of my first major selections on the World stage and it gave me great pride to be selected for GB Students at such an incredible event.

I used to take part in Athletics where the World University Games was seen as the competition to aim for as a young athlete - if you finished in the top 3 of athletics, it would distinguish those athletes as 'ones to watch' for the future in their retrospective sports so in my mind the competition came with prestige.

I went into the World University Games not intending to win, but it was being held at a track I was naturally good at and had lots of experience on. I was recovering from bronchitis for the first half of the training runs leading up to the race, and just managed to recover to a point where I could complete so it was touch and go.

I raced against very experienced international athletes in my sport and on the day I managed to pull off great race runs and finish with the best times winning the competition. I was really shocked but that race gave me confidence to compete with athletes that I assumed were better and more experienced than myself so that when I came against them in the future I could definitely challenge them.

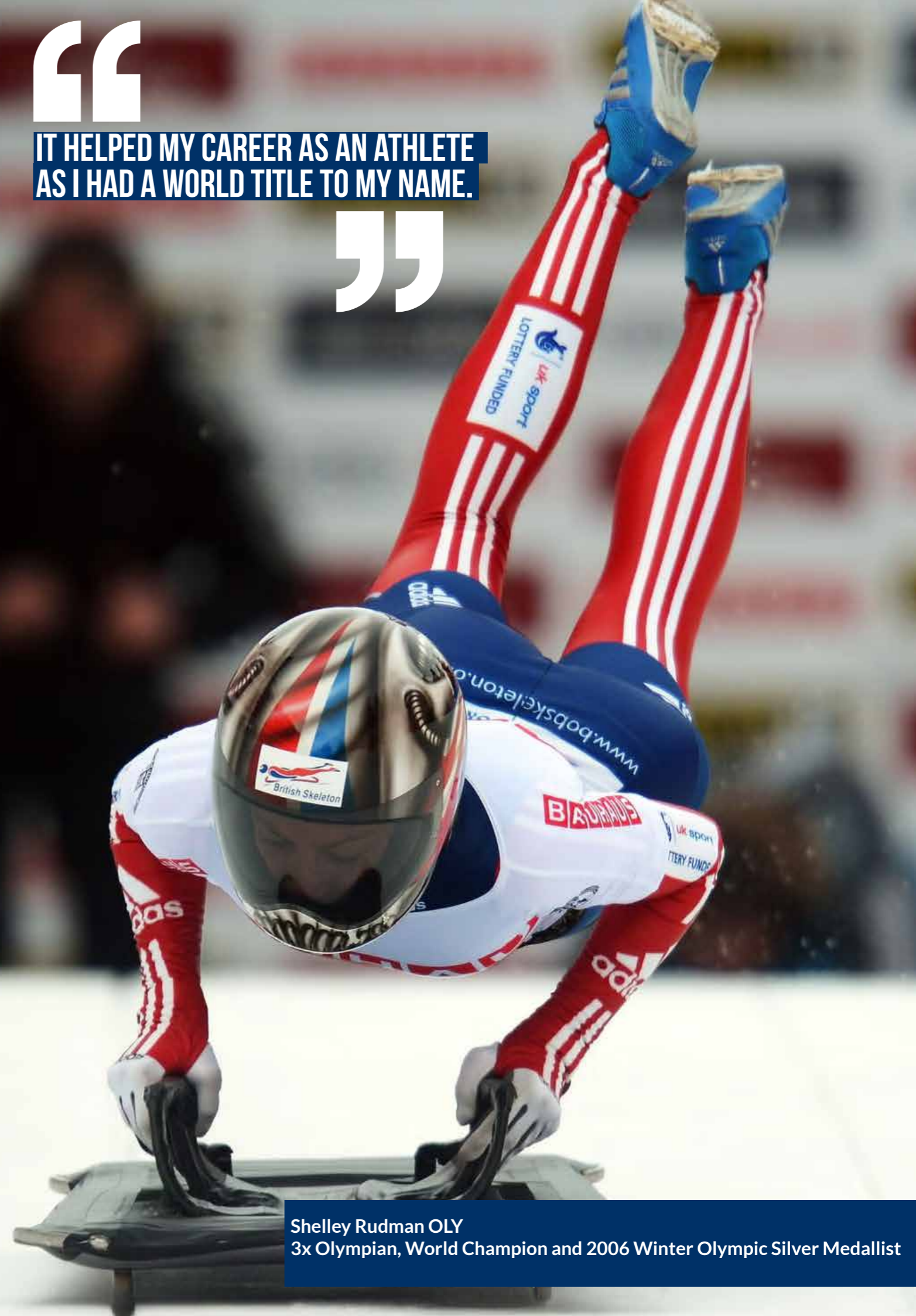
It also gave me more visibility within my sport, back home in the UK and at University - coming from a sport that at the time not everyone knew about gave it more awareness as an event and also allowed me to go for grants and sponsorship that helped my career as an athlete as I had a World title to my name.



“

IT HELPED MY CAREER AS AN ATHLETE AS I HAD A WORLD TITLE TO MY NAME.

”



Shelley Rudman OLY
3x Olympian, World Champion and 2006 Winter Olympic Silver Medallist



TELL US YOUR STORY

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Whether a talented former GB Students athlete, inspirational coach or dedicated member of athlete support personnel, we want to hear from you! We recognise that beyond sporting excellence, exceptional people are at the heart of all that we do, each with their own unique personal and inspiring story.

With the ambition to aid the formative development of future leaders in sport and society, we want to hear from those that have represented GB Students at previous FISU World University Games and Championships.

We welcome the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of experiences across our GB Students community and insight into their journeys thereafter. This will allow us to expand upon our existing records whilst enhancing our connectivity and the sense of belonging of GB Students alumni past, present and future. In addition, in some cases, we will be able to showcase stories across our social media platforms.

Thank you for your ongoing support to GB Students, we look forward to hearing from you.





 **GB**
STUDENTS