

“ESAA - THE FIRST 100 YEARS” - REVIEWS / COMMENTS

Jon Ridgeon, CEO, World Athletics and twice an ESAA Champion

“Congratulations on this fine book.”

Dame Denise Lewis – Olympic Champion and twice an ESAA Champion

“Fantastic work ! Thank you.”

Jason Henderson, Athletics Weekly

“Brilliantly researched. John Mackie’s book is packed with stats and stories from a century’s worth of schools athletics. Highly recommended read.”

Donna Fraser OBE – World, European and Commonwealth Games medallist and 6-time ESAA Champion

“Well done on bringing the memories to life. Thank you.”

Alan Lindop – Great Britain Team Manager for over 20 years in Heptathlon and Decathlon, i1978 and 1982 England Commonwealth Games T&F Manager

“A masterpiece !. I started to read it and couldn’t put it down. You have researched so much of the championships.

I thought I knew a lot about the champs as I got involved in the 1960s but you have delved very deeply into the meetings and there is plenty in those pages I have learned about and can appreciate more than most people the hard work you have put into such research.

It blends well with a lot of anecdotes and I like the connections from the Schools world to those who have succeeded at Olympics, World, European and Commonwealths.

I know many years ago there were a lot of people saying that it means nothing in becoming an English Schools champion as you probably won’t make it in the Senior grades, but I think you have proved them wrong.”

Lesley Owusu – 2001 UK 400m Champion and 3-time ESAA Champion

“Thank you for compiling your wonderful book to tell the incredible story of the English Schools. You should be very proud of what you have produced--- and what a great legacy.”

Keri Lees (née Maddox) – Twice UK 100mH and 400mH Champion and 3-time ESAA Champion

"Thank you for all the memories that have all come flooding back."

Warwick Dixon –1954 ESAA Senior Boys Discus Champion and still breaking British records at 90 !

"A real magnus opus – the ESAA should be very grateful."

Roger Blades – ESAA Trustee, Archivist and former Charman

"John, you have created a lasting legacy to you and for us."

Richard Bowden – Somerset SAA

"A magnificent piece of work."

Sally Hornby, Wiltshire SAA

"It is immense and so interesting. I have already learnt so much and what a wonderful record of the past. It is truly fascinating."

In fact, I lost the book to my husband when I first got home!!."

Mo Pearson, Cornwall SAA

"Whilst reading through got to the section about the start of the Track & Field Cup and low and behold found that my old school Sir Frederic Osborne School in Welwyn Garden City was one of the earliest winners. Great to be able to let my brother know as well."

Sandra Littler, Cheshire SAA

"The book is excellent - I am really enjoying delving into the sections and am learning so much about the progression of the Association in the early days."

Dave Turner, Avon SAA

"It's excellent and brought back so many memories."

Roger Impett – 1961 ESAA Senior Boys 220 yards Champion for Warwickshire

"A very well researched, presented and interesting book."