

# Trinity Olympians

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Sidney Dagg | Richard Gregg | Henry Murphy



\*The Irish Hockey Team, Silver Medalists in the 1908 Olympic Games



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Trinity Sport

**Sport:** Hockey

**Olympics:** 1908, London

**Trinity College Dublin:**

Edward Allman Smith: BA (1909); BAO, BCh, MB (1910)

Richard Gregg: BA (1906), BAO, BCh, MB (1907)

Henry Brown: Junior Bachelor, 1907/08

Walter Campbell: BA, BAI (1909) | Sidney Dagg: BA (1905), LLB, MA (1914) | Henry Murphy: MA (1908)

**Semi-final:** Ireland 3 – Wales 1

**Final:** England 8 – Ireland 1

**Edward Allman-Smith** – Played centre forward in both matches; Capped 4 times for Ireland; Leinster Interprovincial player; Captain DUHC 1907-08 & 1908-09.

**Harry Brown** – Played back in semi-final, but did not play in final [John William “Jack” Peterson (Monkstown) replaced Brown]; Capped for Ireland 22 times; Leinster Interprovincial player; Captained Ireland against Wales in 1913.

**Walter Campbell** – Played centre half-back in both matches; Capped twice for Ireland.

**Sidney Dagg** – was the half-back reserve, did not play in either the semi-final or final; Capped twice for Ireland; Leinster Interprovincial player; Captain DUHC 1904- 05.

**Richard Gregg** – Played inside-left forward in both matches; Capped three times; Leinster Interprovincial player; Captain DUHC 1906-07.

**Harold Murphy** – Played right half-back in both matches; Capped five times for Ireland.

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## George Mayberry



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## Trinity Sport

**Sport:** Athletics

**Olympics:** 1908, London

**Trinity College Dublin:**  
BA (1908); BAO, BCh,  
MB (1911)

George Mayberry was born on 24 July 1884 and despite excelling in the High Jump, he was selected to represent Great Britain at the 1908 Olympic Games in London, in the Triple Jump. Ireland was not allowed to compete in the Games until 1924 after becoming an independent state in 1922

At the I.A.A.A Championships, he was runner up in the high jump on 4 occasions – 1906, 1907, 1910 and 1911. In 1906 and 1907, he jumped a height of 5ft 7in (1.70m).

He was capped by Ireland at International meetings with Scotland in 1906 and 1907. After graduation from Trinity College, he joined Clonliffe Harriers and later became Hon. President of the Club.

Mayberry was in the World War I – Royal Army Medical Corps from 1914 – 1919 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1915 and Captain in 1916.

He then became Medical Superintendent of Dagenham Sanatorium and Landon Hills Sanatorium for Children from 1922 – 1949.

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## George Morphy



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## Trinity Sport

**Sport:** Athletics  
**Olympics:** 1908, London

**Trinity College Dublin:**  
BA (1907)

George Morphy excelled at 3 track disciplines – 440 yds, 880yds and One Mile – and held multiple national titles between 1905 and 1910. He was born on 20th April 1884 and entered Trinity in 1902.

At the I.A.A. Championships, he was 440 yds champion in 1908, 1909 and 1910, clocking 53.2 sec in 1908. Morphy was champion over 880 yds in 1905, 1906 and 1908, and the One Mile champion in the same years.

At College Races in 1905, Morphy appeared to set an ‘Irish Record’ of 1:57.4, but the track on measurement was 5½ yds short. At the Bicycle Club Sports in College Park in the same year, he set an Irish 880 yds Record of 1:56.8.

He represented Ireland at the annual International match against Scotland from 1905 – 1909, winning the One Mile in 1906 and 1909 and victorious in the 880 yds in 1908.

Morphy was selected for the British team to compete at the 1908 Olympic Games in London, in the 800m event. Ireland did not compete in the event as an independent state until 1924. He was 3rd in his semi final, but only the winner of each heat advanced to the final.

He became a solicitor and served in World War I in the (Royal) Army Service Corp (1914 – 1920), rising in rank from Second Lieutenant to Captain.

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## Hedges Worthington-Eyre



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## Trinity Sport

**Sport:** Athletics  
**Olympics:** 1920, Antwerp

**Trinity College Dublin:**  
BA (1921)

Born in Dún Laoghaire, Dublin, on 8 September 1899, Hedges Worthington-Eyre competed over 100 yds, 220 yds and 440 yds. At the I.A.A. Championships in 1919, he won the Bronze medal in the 100 yds (10.8 sec) and 220 yds (24.0 sec). In 1920, he won Silver in the 220 yds (24.2 sec) and Gold in the 440 yds (54.6 sec). He won Silver in the 440 yds (54.4 sec) in 1921.

In 1920, Worthington-Eyre competed in the triangular match (Ireland v England v Scotland), placing 2nd in 440 yards to Bevil Rudd (Trinity College, Oxford University; Gold medalist, South Africa, VII Olympiad Antwerp, 400 m). In the same year, he recorded a P.B. for 440 yards of 52.6 sec.

Since Ireland was not allowed to compete in the Olympics as an independent state until 1924, Worthington-Eyre was a member of the British Olympic Team for the VII Games in Antwerp, Belgium in 1920. He was second in his Round 1 Heat and placed 5th in his Quarter Final Heat in a time of 52.7 sec.

Hedges Worthington-Eyre served as Lieutenant in World War II.

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## Robert Hilliard



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Trinity Sport

**Sport:** Boxing  
**Olympics:** 1924, Paris

**Trinity College Dublin:**  
BA (1931),  
Divinity Testimonium (1932)

Robert Hilliard was born on 17 April 1904 in Kerry and died in February 1937 fighting with the International Brigades in the Spanish Civil War. He won a Read Sizarship to study at Trinity College in 1921. After a break in his studies from 1924 to 1930, he returned to Trinity to complete his degree and was Editor of "T.C.D." magazine in 1931-32. He was ordained in the Church of Ireland and became affectionately known as "the boxing parson" among his parishioners.

He was Dublin University Featherweight Champion in 1923, 1924 and 1931. He also won the Bantamweight title in 1924 (Double Champion).

At the Irish Inter-University Championships hosted in the Gymnasium in Trinity in 1923, Hilliard won the Bantamweight title and Trinity won the overall Intervarsity. At the same event the following year, Hilliard fought in the Featherweight division and was beaten in the final – his 7th fight of the week.

Hilliard represented Trinity at the British and Irish University Championships [Harry Preston Trophy] in 1923, 1924 and 1930. He was Irish Bantamweight Champion in 1923 and 1924.

He was selected to represent Ireland at the VIII Olympiad, Paris. Hilliard was the only non-Army member of the team. He fought at Bantamweight (112-118 lb – 50.8-53.5 kg) – until 1936 Olympic boxing weights were defined in avoirdupois pounds. He was awarded a bye in Round 1 (11 boxers were given byes in Round 1) and in Round 2, Match 7, he was beaten on a points decision by Benjamin "Benito" Pertuzzo (ARG).

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## Noel Purcell



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## Trinity Sport

**Sport:** Water Polo  
**Olympics:** 1920, Antwerp  
1924, Paris

**Trinity College Dublin:**  
BA (1920)

Noel Purcell won 4 Irish Swimming Championship titles between 1911 and 1920. In 1911 and 1912 he captured the titles over 880 yds, in 1919 he won the 220 yds Gold medal and in 1920 he was champion over 440 yds.

He won 2 Leinster Senior Water Polo Cups with Dublin University in 1913 and 1921. In the University's Leinster Senior League win in 1921, Purcell scored all 4 goals in the 4-2 score line against Pembroke. He also helped DU to the All Ireland Water Polo title in 1920 that required three periods of added time to settle the match. Purcell represented both Leinster and Ireland in Water Polo.

He was a talented sportsman by any standards and played Rugby to a high level. He played for Dublin University Football Club First XV during the 1912-13 and 1913-14 seasons; he was capped 8 times for Leinster and won 4 caps for Ireland in 1921. He is the only Irish Rugby International ever to win an Olympic Gold Medal.

Purcell was the only Irishman selected on the GBR team for the VII Olympics in Antwerp in 1920. The team beat hosts Belgium in the final to win the Gold medal. Purcell is Trinity's only Olympic Gold medallist.

At the following Olympic Games in Paris, he captained the Irish team and despite scoring both goals in their quarter final match against Czechoslovakia, Ireland lost 4-2. He made Olympic history by becoming the first ever Olympic athlete to represent two nation states. Purcell was selected for a third Olympics in 1928, but declined because of pressure of business (a solicitor by profession) and a desire to give younger players the opportunity.

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## Oliver St. John Gogarty



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Trinity Sport

**Sport:** Art Competitions  
(Mixed Literature)  
**Olympics:** 1924, Paris

**Trinity College Dublin:**  
BA (1903), BAO, BCh, MB,  
MD (1907)

Oliver St. John Gogarty was born on 17 August 1878 and was educated at Mungret College, Limerick, Stonyhurst College, Lancashire, England and Clongowes Wood College, Naas.

Ireland competed as the Irish Free State for the first time at the Olympic Games of 1924 in Paris and Ireland's first medals as an independent nation came in the Art Competitions of the Olympiad. St. John Gogarty won a Bronze medal in Mixed Literature - Ode to the Tailteann Games in iambic metre dash. The poem established a link between Ireland's ancient Tailteann Games and the Olympic Games. Jack B Yeats won a Silver Medal for his painting The Liffey Swim which is in the National Art Gallery.

Oliver was also a talented athlete and played football for Preston North End FC Reserves while at school in England. He played soccer for Bohemian FC and also played cricket and cycled while at Clongowes.

His interest in Poetry and Literature manifested itself at Trinity. He earned a pilot's licence and was a Senator from 1922-1936. Gogarty served as the inspiration for the Roman character Buck Mulligan in the novel Ulysses by James Joyce.

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## Denis Cussen



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Trinity Sport

**Sport:** Athletics

**Olympics:** 1928, Amsterdam

**Trinity College Dublin:**

BA (1924); BAO, BCh,  
MB (1925); MD (1946)

Denis Cussen was born in Limerick on 19 July 1901 and as well as being an accomplished sprinter, he was also a talented Rugby player.

He played for Blackrock College and Dublin University Football Club and was capped 15 times for Ireland between 1920-21 and 1926-27, scoring 5 tries from the wing.

At the I.A.A.A Championships in 1921, he won Gold in the 100 yds (10.2 secs), 220 yds (24.2 secs) and Long Jump (20ft 1in – 6.38m). At the 1922 Championships, Cussen retained his 100 yds (10.6 secs) and Long Jump (22ft 1in – 6.73m) titles.

In 1925 at the N.A.C.A.I. Championships in Croke Park, Cussen won Gold in the 100 yds in a time of 10.0 sec. At the 1928 event, he was a Gold medallist over the same distance in 9.8 sec (IR), the first Irishman to break 10.0 sec for 100 yards. This Record was to stand for many years – equalled by Fred G. Moran in 1937 at Lansdowne Road at the first A.A.U.E. Championships.

Cussen represented Ireland at the IX Olympic Games in Amsterdam, The Netherlands in 1928. He won his heat of the 100m and came 5th in his quarter final heat.

Cussen was a Founder Member of the British Association of Sport and Medicine and was Medical Officer to the British Olympic Team for the Games in Melbourne (1956) and Rome (1960).

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## Thomas Hayes Dockrell



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## Trinity Sport

**Sport:** Waterpolo  
**Olympics:** 1928, Amsterdam

**Trinity College Dublin:**  
BA, MB, ChB, BAO (1930)

Thomas Hayes Dockrell was the first born of the five children of Henry Morgan Dockrell on 16 March 1907, a nephew of Olympian George Shannon Dockrell. H.M. Dockrell was a graduate of Trinity College and 6 times Irish swimming champion – 100 yds (1903 -04), 220 yds (1903 – 05) and 880 yds (1905) – and accomplished water-polo player. Hayes Dockrell was educated at St Andrew's College, Booterstown and the Lycée Lakanal, Paris before entering Trinity College Dublin in 1923.

Hayes Dockrell had demonstrated swimming and water-polo prowess while still a schoolboy. As a 15-year-old he won both the Pier Race from East Pier Dun Laoghaire to Sandycove Point and the Liffey Swim in 1922. He was a prominent member of the St Andrew's water-polo team which reached the Leinster Schools Cup final but lost to Belvedere College. In his first years competing for Dublin University S.C. he won the Irish mile championship in 1923 and 1924, the 880 yards Irish championship in 1924 at Carrickfergus in a record time of 12:39 – a championship record that stood until 1938 – and the Leinster mile championship in 1924. He was capped for Ireland 11 times in water-polo between 1925 and 1933 and for Leinster on numerous occasions, usually as a forward or half-back.

At the Olympic Games in Amsterdam in 1928 he played in Ireland's only match against Belgium as half-back, a match lost on a score-line of 11 – 1.

Dr Hayes Dockrell died at home in Northampton on 4 January 1970 after being in ill health for several months previously and was cremated at the Counties Crematorium, Northampton.