



## Irish Athlete Bios – 2021 European Indoor Championships

### Leon Reid

**Club:** Menapians A.C.

**Event:** 60m on Saturday 6th at 9.18am (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 6.68 National Indoor Arena, Abbotstown, Dublin (IRL) 21 FEB 2021

**Coach:** James Hillier

- Leon Reid clocked a new PB of 6.68 at the recent Irish Life Health Elite Micro Meet on February 21st 2021 which saw him go second on the Irish all-time list for 60 meters indoors.
- His most recent outing saw him finish sixth in a time of 6.74 in his 60m heat at the World indoor Tour (just missing out on the final).

### Israel Olatunde

**Club:** UCD A.C.

**Event:** 60m on Saturday 6th at 9.18am (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 6.73 National Indoor Arena, Abbotstown, Dublin (IRL) 21 FEB 2021

**Coach:** Daniel Kilgallon

- Senior Championship Debut.
- Israel Olatunde (UCD A.C.) broke the Under-20 and Under-23 records when finishing second to Leon Reid in the 60 meters at the Irish Life Health Elite Micro Meet on February 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 with a time 6.73. He had already broken the records an hour previously clocking 6.74.
- He is joint #4 on the all-time indoor list.

### Dean Adams

**Club:** Ballymena & Antrim A.C.

**Event:** 60m on Saturday 6th at 9.18am (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 6.73 IUAA Athlone IT Feb 2020

**Coach:** Alan Kennedy

- 2020 National Indoor 60m Champion.
- Joint 4<sup>th</sup> on the all-time indoor list with Israel Olatunde and Gary Ryan.



## Ciara Neville

**Club:** Emerald A.C.

**Event:** 60m on Sunday 7th at 9.18am (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 7.30 Athlone (IRL) 29 JAN 2017 and 30 JAN 2021 Indoor Track & Field Vienna, Ferry-Dusika-Halle, Wien 7.30

**Coach:** Noelle Morrissey

- Blistering season opener of 7.30 in Vienna (Jan 30<sup>th</sup>) was which is the joint second fastest 60m ever by an Irishwoman.
- 2020 National Indoor Champion.
- Part of the Irish 4x100m team of Molly Scott, Gina Akpe-Moses, and Patience Jumbo-Gula who secured a silver medal after a brilliant performance at the IAAF World U20 Championships (2018).
- 100m Gold at European Youth Olympic Festival in Tbilisi, Georgia in a time of 12.01 seconds in 2015.

## Joan Healy

**Club:** Leevale AC

**Event:** 60m on Sunday 7th at 9.18am (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 7.31 Abbotstown (IRL) 18 FEB 2018

**Coach:** Alan Mahoney

- Joan competed at the recent Elite Micro Meet where she finished second on both occasions to Molly Scott in a time of 7.42.
- Joint 4<sup>th</sup> on all-time 60m list alongside sister Phil Healy.



## Molly Scott

**Club:** St Laurence O'Toole A.C.

**Event:** 60m on Sunday 7th at 9.18am (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 7.32 Abbotstown (IRL) 17 FEB 2019

**Coach:** Deirdre Scott

- Molly competed at the recent Elite Micro Meet where she finished first in both races, clocking 7.37 (Series 1) and 7.36 (Series 2).
- Member of Ireland's U20 relay team who won a silver medal at the World Championships in Tampere, Finland in 2019.
- Won bronze in European Youth Championships 100H in 2016.

## Phil Healy

**Club:** Bandon A.C.

**Event:** 400m on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> at 10.22am (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 51.99 National Indoor Arena, Abbotstown, Dublin (IRL) 21 FEB 2021

**Coach:** Shane McCormack

- Phil Healy opened her season in impressive style, clocking a personal best time of 51.99 in the Women's 400m at the recent Elite Micro Meet in Abbotstown - season leading time which ranks 6th fastest in Europe, and second on the Irish All-Time list in her first competitive outing of 2021.
- Irish 100 and 200m record holder.

## Sophie Becker

**Club:** Raheny Shamrock A.C.

**Event:** 400m on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> at 10.22am (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 53.20 National Indoor Arena, Abbotstown, Dublin (IRL) 21 FEB 2021

**Coach:** Jeremy Lyons

- Season opener on the 21 FEB at the Irish Life Health Elite Athlete Indoor Micro Meet, National Indoor Arena, Abbotstown, Dublin where she secured the European Indoor Standard, finishing behind Phil Healy in 53.20
- 2020 National Indoor and Outdoor 400m Champion.



## Sharlene Mawdsley

**Club:** Newport A.C.

**Event:** 400m on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> at 10.22am (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 53.56 National Indoor Arena, Abbotstown, Dublin (IRL) 21 FEB 2021

**Coach:** Gary Ryan

- Opened her season on the 13 FEB at the IFAM Indoor event in Gent, clocking 54.86.
- Followed up with a PB on the 21 FEB at the Elite Athlete Indoor Micro Meet, National Indoor Arena, of 53.56 behind Phil Healy and Sophie Becker.
- 2019 400m National Champion and 2017 National Indoor 200m Champion

## Mark English

**Club:** Finn Valley A.C.

**Event:** 800m on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> at 18.55pm (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 1:46.10 National Indoor Arena, Abbotstown, Dublin (IRL) 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021

**Coach:** Feidhlim Kelly

- 2019 European Indoor Bronze Medallist
- Broke his own National 800m Indoor Record of 1:46.82 at the recent Elite Micro Meet (Feb 20th) in a stunning finish with Cian McPhillips (Longford A.C.). The Donegal man crossed the line in a record breaking 1:46:10.

### Honours - European Indoor Championships

Place	Discipline	Mark	Place	Date
2.	800 Metres	1:47.20	O2 Arena, Praha (CZE)	08 MAR 2015
3.	800 Metres	1:47.39	Emirates Arena, Glasgow (GBR)	03 MAR 2019



## Cian McPhillips

**Club:** Longford A.C.

**Event:** 800m on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> at 18.55pm (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 1:46.13 National Indoor Arena, Abbotstown, Dublin (IRL) 20 FEB 2021 NU20R

**Coach:** Joe Ryan

- Senior Championship Debut
- Clocked a stunning 1:46.13 on his season opener at the recent Elite Micro Meet (Feb 20<sup>th</sup>) to claim an over 6 second PB, as well as the Under-20 and Under-23 800m Indoor records in the process.
- The time places McPhillips 2nd on the European U20 All-Time Indoor standings and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Global all-time.
- Cian has rewritten national records for the last 3 years.
- 2018 U18 3000m held by John Treacy
- 2019 U18 Indoor 1500m held by Ciaran O'Lionard
- 2020 U20 Indoor 1500m held by Colin Costello
- Cian won the High School Mile at the 2020 Millrose Games in New York

## John Fitzsimons

**Club:** Kildare A.C.

**Event:** 800m on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> at 18.55pm (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 1:47.80 National Indoor Arena, Abbotstown, Dublin (IRL) 20 FEB 2021

**Coach:** Joe Ryan

- Senior Championship Debut
- The 800m at the Elite Micro Meet (Feb 20<sup>th</sup>) was his first race in 18 months as he recovered from injury. It placed him at #7 on the all-time list.
- John won a bronze medal over 800m at the European Junior Championships in 2017. He was 6<sup>th</sup> in the 2019 Euro u23 800m. He was ranked 20<sup>th</sup> on time before both those championships.



## Síofra Cléirigh Büttner

**Club:** Dundrum South Dublin A.C.

**Event:** 800m on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> at 12.00pm (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 2:00.58 Randal Tyson Indoor Center, Fayetteville, AR (USA) 21 FEB 2021 NR

**Coach:** Mark Coogan

- Broke Nadia Power's 800m Irish indoor record in Arkansas on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb with a time of 2:00:58.
- It moved her to fourth in the European rankings as a result.
- She has reached the final at European U18, U20 and U23 level.
- Competed in numerous races already in 2021:
  - 800 Metres 06 FEB 2021 Prickly Pear Invitational, Brophy College Preparatory - Sports Campus, Phoenix 2:04.18
  - 800 Metres Indoor 21 FEB 2021 American Track League 4, Randal Tyson Indoor Center, Fayetteville, 2:00.58
  - 1500 Metres Indoor 13 FEB 2021 New Balance Indoor Grand Prix, Ocean Breeze Athl. Complex, New York 4:09.67

## Nadia Power

**Club:** Dublin City Harriers A.C.

**Event:** 800m on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> at 12.00pm (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 2:00.98 Arena, Toruń (POL) 17 FEB 2021

**Coach:** Enda Fitzpatrick

- In advance of Siofra Cleirigh Butner breaking the Irish record on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, Nadia Power had smashed her own National 800m record on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 at the World Athletics Indoor Tour Event in 2:00:98, beating her own 800m record of 2:02:44 which was clocked in Vienna back on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- Nadia has competed in the IAAF World U18, Euro U20 and U23 competitions.
- Nadia won bronze over 800m in 2019 Euro U23 in a championship won by Jemma Reekie.



## Georgie Hartigan

**Club:** Dundrum South Dublin A.C.

**Event:** 800m on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> at 12.00pm (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 2:01.48 National Indoor Arena, Abbotstown, Dublin (IRL) 21 FEB 2021

**Coach:** Bev Hartigan

- Senior Championship Debut
- Season opener on 13 FEB 2021 at the Bryggen Sports Invitational in Manchester - 2:04.44 before heading to the Elite Micro meet on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> where she claimed the European standard with a winning time of 2.01.48.

## Andrew Coscoran

**Club:** Star of the Sea A.C.

**Event:** 1500m on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> at 19.20pm (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 3:37.20 Arena Stade Couvert, Liévin (FRA) 09 FEB 2021

**Coach:** Feidhlim Kelly

- Andrew Coscoran recorded a personal best of 3:37.20 (1500m) at the World Athletics Indoor Tour Gold meet in France on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb .
- fifth-fastest Irish indoor 1500m runner over that distance, behind Marcus O'Sullivan, Eamonn Coghlan, Ciarán Ó Lionáird and Mark Carroll.

Recent results:

- 09 FEB 2021 Meeting Hauts-de-France Pas-de-Calais, Arena Stade Couvert, Liévin 3:37.20
- 14 FEB 2021 Meeting de l'Eure, Stade couvert Jesse Owens, Val-de-Reuil FRAFRA 3:41.62
- 24 FEB 2021 Villa de Madrid, Gallur, Madrid ESPESP 3:39.61



## Paul Robinson

**Club:** St. Coca's AC

**Event:** 1500m on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> at 19.20pm (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 1500 Metres 3:39.36 Stade couvert Jesse Owens, Val-de-Reuil (FRA) 14 FEB 2021

**Coach:** Nic Bideau

Recent Results:

- 08 FEB 2021 Míting Internacional de Catalunya, Palau Sant Jordi, Barcelona 3:42.27
- 14 FEB 2021 Meeting de l'Eure, Stade couvert Jesse Owens, Val-de-Reuil 3:39.36
- 2020 National 1500m Champion where he beat Sean Tobin in a thrilling finish.
- Paul was 4<sup>th</sup> in 2014 European Outdoor Championships over 1500m.

## Luke McCann

**Club:** U.C.D. A.C.

**Event:** 1500m on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> at 19.20pm (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 3:40.03 National Indoor Arena, Abbotstown, Dublin (IRL) 21 FEB 2021

**Coach:** Clarke McCann

- Senior Championship Debut
- Also has a 1:48.56 800m PB

Recent Results:

- 30 JAN 2021 Indoor Track & Field Vienna, Ferry-Dusika-Halle, Wien AUTAUT 3:43.95
- 08 FEB 2021 Míting Internacional de Catalunya, Palau Sant Jordi, Barcelona 3:43.15
- 14 FEB 2021 Meeting de l'Eure, Stade couvert Jesse Owens, Val-de-Reuil 3:42.03
- 21 FEB 2021 Irish Life Health Elite Athlete Indoor Micro Meet, National Indoor 3:40.03





## John Travers

**Club:** Donore Harriers

**Event:** 3000m on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> at 10.25am (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 7:50.40 National Indoor Arena, Abbotstown, Dublin (IRL) 20 FEB 2021

**Coach:** Alan McCormack

- John Travers won the Men's 3000m at the recent Elite Micro Meet, clocking a lifetime best of 7.50.40 seconds to just get the better of Darragh McElhinney
- John is # 9 on the all-time list.
- 2020 National 3000m Indoor Champion
- John previously finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the 1500m at the European Indoors.

## Séan Tobin

**Club:** Clonmel A.C.

**Event:** 3000m on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> at 10.25am (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 7:48.01 L'Anneau-Halle d'athlétisme de Metz, Metz (FRA) 06 FEB 2021

**Coach:** Feidhlim Kelly

Recent Results:

- 29 JAN 2021 PACER at Indoor Meeting - Karlsruhe, Europahalle, Karlsruhe
- 06 FEB 2021 Meeting Metz Moselle Athlelor, Metz, France 7:48.01
- 08 FEB 2021 Miting Internacional de Catalunya, Palau Sant Jordi, Barcelona 7:51.49
  
- Sean Tobin clocked a superb 7:48.01 in the 3000m (Metz Meet Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 2021) which was paced by St Cocas A.C. man Paul Robinson. In taking first place, Tobin secured a new indoor PB which saw the Clonmel A.C man secure 7th on the all time indoor standings.
- Previously Sean finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Euro U20 1500m in 2013
- 10<sup>th</sup> in Euro XC at U20 and Senior level.
- Sean is the youngest Irishman to run sub 4 for the mile.



## Michelle Finn

**Club:** Leevale A.C.

**Event:** 3000m on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> at 18.30pm (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 9:02.34 Stade couvert Jesse Owens, Val-de-Reuil (FRA) 07 FEB 2021

**Coach:** Feidhlim Kelly

Recent Results:

- 1500 Metres Indoor 14 FEB 2021 Meeting de l'Eure, Stade couvert Jesse Owens, France 4:15.23
- 3000 Metres Indoor 07 FEB 2021 Meeting Athletes, Jesse Owens, Val-de-Reuil FRAFRA 9:02.34
- Has a National Championship in the 5000m, plus 5 National 3000m Steeplechase titles.
- 2016 Rio Olympian in the steeplechase.

## Sarah Lavin

**Club:** Emerald A.C.

**Event:** 60mH on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> at 11.10am (Irish Time)

**Personal Best:** 8.13 Gallur, Madrid (ESP) 24 FEB 2021

**Coach:** Noelle Morrissey

- Sarah broke her personal best twice on the way to third place in the 60 metres hurdles final at the World Indoor Tour in Madrid on Feb 24th.
- Clocked a PB of 8.14 seconds to come through her semi-final before storming to a 8.13 to take third place in the final.
- Derval O'Rourke is the only Irish women to go faster over the 60m hurdles.
- Sarah won a silver medal at 100mH in the 2013 Euro U20 championships.

Recent Results:

- 30 JAN 2021 Indoor Track & Field Vienna, Ferry-Dusika-Halle, Wien AUTAUT 8.31
- 30 JAN 2021 Indoor Track & Field Vienna, Ferry-Dusika-Halle, Wien AUTAUT 8.24
- 03 FEB 2021 Czech Indoor Gala, Atletická hala, Ostrava CZE CZE C 8.21
- 03 FEB 2021 Czech Indoor Gala, Atletická hala, Ostrava CZE CZE C 8.18
- 20 FEB 2021 Irish Life Health Elite Athlete Indoor Micro Meet, National Indoor, 8.22
- 20 FEB 2021 Irish Life Health Elite Athlete Indoor Micro Meet, National Indoor, 8.20
- 24 FEB 2021 Villa de Madrid, Gallur, Madrid ESPESP A H2 3. 8.14
- 24 FEB 2021 Villa de Madrid, Gallur, Madrid ESPESP A F 3. 8.13

## Irish Team Stats via Pierce O'Callaghan

### Irish Team for European Athletics Indoor Championships Number of Senior International Caps

Israel Olatunde	1	Sophie Becker	4
Cian McPhillips	1	Joan Healy	5
John Fitzsimons	1	Siofra Cleirigh-Buttner	6
Georgie Hartigan	1	Sean Tobin	6
Luke McCann	1	Ciara Neville	7
Darragh McElhinney	1	Paul Robinson	9
Leon Reid	2	Sarah Lavin	9
Sharlene Mawdsley	2	Phil Healy	13
Nadia Power	2	John Travers	14
Andrew Coscoran	2	Michelle Finn	15
Dean Adams	3	Mark English	16
Molly Scott	3		

#### Youngest Medalist

David GILLICK 21 years 239 days 400m 1 2005 Karen SHINKINS 25 years 139 days 400m 3 2002

#### Youngest competitor:

David MCCARTHY 18 years 228 days 400m 2002 Ciara NEVILLE 17 years 141 days 60m 2017

#### Oldest Medalist

Mark CARROLL 28 years 43 days 3000m 1 2000 Derval O'ROURKE 31 years 277 days 60mH 3 2013

#### Oldest competitor:

Mark CARROLL 35 years 46 days 3000m 2007 Kerry O'FLAHERTY 35 years 231 days 1500m 2017

1966	400m	Maeve Kyle	BRONZE	57.3
1966	800m	Noel Carroll	GOLD	1.49.7
1967	800m	Noel Carroll	GOLD	1.49.6
1968	800m	Noel Carroll	GOLD	1.56.66
1969	800m	Noel Carroll	BRONZE	1.47.6
1970	1500m	Frank Murphy	SILVER	3.49.0
1979	1500m	Eamonn Coghlan	GOLD	3.41.8
1980	1500m	Ray Flynn	SILVER	3.38.5
1980	1500m	Mary Purcell	BRONZE	4.14.2
1985	1500m	Marcus O'Sullivan	SILVER	3.39.75
2000	1500m	James Nolan	SILVER	3.41.59
2000	3,000m	Mark Carroll	GOLD	7.49.24
2002	400m	Karen Shinkins	BRONZE	52.17
2005	400m	David Gillick	GOLD	46.3
2005	3,000m	Alistair Cragg	GOLD	7.46.32
2007	400m	David Gillick	GOLD	45.52
2009	60m H	Derval O'Rourke	BRONZE	7.97
2009	1500m	Roisin McGettigan	BRONZE	4.11.58
2009	3,000m	Mary Cullen	BRONZE	8.48.47
2013	3,000m	Ciarán Ó Lionáird	BRONZE	7.50.26
2013	3,000m	Fionnuala Britton	BRONZE	9.00.54
2013	60m H	Derval O'Rourke	BRONZE	7.95
2015	800m	Mark English	SILVER	1.47.20
2019	800m	Mark English	BRONZE	1.47.39
2019	1500m	Ciara Mageean	BRONZE	4.09.43