

THE FOREIGN ONES

Working through the index of athletes at the Trials, I became aware of a lot of names that I recognized as competing for other countries. This applied to athletes who'd become US citizens after becoming well known internationally, but also to those who determined that their parentage gave them a bigger chance of competing in major championships under a foreign flag. The following list shows how extensive both practices have been. Athletes who competed in Trial events outside the main Trials are excluded, such as the many foreigners who've taken part in the Boston Marathon, which frequently used to be one of the selection events. Additionally the AAU/OT Decathlon often had overseas guests competing – the best example being C.K. Yang, who twice lost duels with Rafer Johnson in 1960, and such athletes are also not included in the list. Occasionally the AAU 10,000m acted as the Olympic selection event, and the top-2 in 1960 were foreign athletes (Al Lawrence/AUS and Doug Kyle/CAN, neither of whom is included in the following list). Conversely some athletes competed only for the USA, but made their name – without international selection – for another country. An example is Dave Mills, who ran only for the USA – 2nd in the PAG 400 in 1959, after setting a Canadian Junior record of 46.6 for 440 yards in 1958. Individuals born outside the US who never competed for their country of birth – like Abdi Abdirahman, born in Somalia, are not included in the list. The exception to this rule are South African/Rhodesian athletes who were banned from competing in major championships for nearly 30 years until the early 1990's. In total, more than 48% listed are 21st century athletes.

The most successful athlete within this group is Bernard Lagat, who won medals for Kenya twice in the Olympic 1500 before becoming a double World champion for the USA over 1500/5000 in 2007. Similarly, Barbara Pierre competed for Haiti in the 2008 Olympics, but appeared in the 2012 Trials, and improved the following year to 10.85 for 100m.

NAME	TRIALS EVENT	YEAR	TRIALS BEST PERFORMANCE	NATIONALITY	CHAMPIONSHIP BEST PERFORMANCE
Addy, Jangy	DEC	2008	8025/6	LBR	OG08 – 20/7665
Akins, Ty	110H	2008-12	'08 – 7/13.82w [13.26w-sf]	NGR	CCp'14 – 5/13.48
Amoo, Seth	200	2004	21.06/6ht5	GHA	CommG '06 – 21.19/8s2
Armstrong, Aaron	200	2004	20.81/7s1	TRI	CommG'06 – 4/20.61
Barrios, Arturo	MAR	1996	DNF	MEX	10k – 27:39.32/5
Benavides, Paul	PV	1992	NH	MEX	WC'93 – 5.45/Q-23
Bradstock, Roald	JT	1996-2004	77.24/5 '96	GBR	OG'84 - 7/81.22
Brown, Steve	110H	1988+1996	13.28/4 '96	TRI	CommG'98 – 2/13.48
Cabral, Johnathan	110H	2012	13.63/5h2	CAN	WC'15 – 4s2/13.37
Cray, Eric	400H	2012	51.32/7h1	PHI	AsC'15 – 1/49.40
Daly, John James	10000	1912	33:00e/3 EOT	GBR/IRL	OG'04 – 2500m St – 2/8:01.6
Dodson, Jeremy	200	2008-12	'12 – 6/20.25w	SAM	WC15 – 6s2/20.53
Dorival, Dudley	110H	1996	13.83/7h2	HAI	WC'01 – 3/13.25
Dyce, Byron	800	1980	DNF – Ht4	JAM	OG'68 – 6s2/1:47.30
Edwards, Monzavous "Rae"	100	2004-12	10.06/5q3 '08	NGR	CommG'14 7s3/10.30
Farmer, Peter	HT	1984+1992	5/68.02 '84	AUS	CommG '78 – 1/71.10
Hanneck, Phillimon	MAR	2004	DNF	ZIM	CommG '94 -5k – 2/13:23.20, WC '95 10/13:41.28
Hellebuyck, Eddy	MAR	2000	5/2:18:30	BEL	EC'90 – 22/2:32:23

Hercules, Chris	TJ	2000-2004	6/16.44 '00, 9/16.57 '04	TRI	CommG '06 - 7/16.47
Hintnaus, Tomas	PV	1980	1/5.60	BRA	OG'84 - =12/nh [5.35Q]
Hodge, Neville	200	1980	7h4/21.37	STK	OG'84 7q2/10.69, WC'91 - 5h1/10.51
Holt, Conor	MAR	2004	19/2:18:17	IRL	WJC'90 - 23/31:45.24
Hurtault, Erison	400	2008	7s2/46.34	DMA	OG'08 - 4h4
Jelks, Mark	100	2008	7s2/10.24	NGR	CommG'14 - 5/10.17
Johnson, Ashley	MAR	1996	13/2:16:40	RSA	[3:38.66 '84 - 1500]
Kamani, Bayano	400H	2000	7s2/50.50	PAN	OG'04 - 5/48.74
Kennedy, Bruce	JT	1980	2/83.64	RHO/ZIM	[81.48'73- RHO, 87.70'80 USA]
Lagat, Bernard	1500/5K	2008-12	1/3:40.37, 1/13:27.47	KEN	OG'00 3/3:32.44, '04 2/3:34.30
McCubbins, Chris	3000St	1968	8/9:37.4A	CAN	OG'76 - 12ht/33:22.35
Miecznykowski, Jan	10000m	1956	DNF	POL	EC'54 - DNF
Mills, Dave	400	1960	5h1/47.0	CAN	[46.3* -58]
Minty, Gordon	MAR	1980	8/2:13:53	GBR	[6M - 27:20.8 '73]
Morales, Luis	100	1984	7s2/10.53	PUR	OG'84 - 5s2/10.54
Muturi, Patrick	MAR	2004	DNF	KEN	[2:08:59 '97]
Nurudeen, Selim	110H	2004	6ht1/13.95	NGR	CommG'06 - 3h3/13.84
Palles, Lee	DEC	1980-1984	'80 - 2/8159	GRE	BalkG'81 - 1/7648
Petranoff, Tom	JT	1980-1988 +2000	'84 - 2/84.94old + '88 - 3/79.46	RSA	WCp - '92 - 2/79.92 (for Africa) - for USA - WC'83 -2/85.60
Philippe, Marcel	800	1972	7/1:46.0	FRA	EC'74 - 5s1/1:47.5
Plaatjes, Mark	MAR	1996	DNF	RSA	WC'93 - 2:13:57
Rea, Bill	LJ	1972-1976	'72 - 4/7.99	AUT	OG'80 - Q15/7.74
Streete-Thompson, Kareem	LJ	1996	10/7.91	CAY	WC'01 - 5/8.10, WI'01 - 2/8.16
Taiwo, Joseph	TJ	1996	NQ/14.99	NGR	WC'87 - 6/17.29w
Vigueras, Alfredo	MAR	2004	DNF	MEX	[2:13:26 -96]
WOMEN					
Avalos-Appel, Olga	10000m	1996	2/32:43.79	MEX	WC'91 - 16h2/32:54.63
Allen, Patrina	400H	2004	7/54.93	JAM	OG'00 - 7h5/59.36
De Reuck-Lindeque, Colleen	MAR	2004	½:28:25	RSA	OG'92 - 9/2:39:03, '00 - 31/2:36:48
Denby, Nicole	100H	2000-08	'08- 4/12.62w	NGR	CG'14 3h3/13.54, AfrC 3/13.27
Dinkins, Grace Ann	200	1996	6h2/23.86	LBR	OG'96 - [400] 7Q2/52.53
Duncan, Dominique	100-200	2012	5h1/11.46, 5h3/23.28	NGR	CG'14 - 6s2/23.88
Edwards, Samantha	400	2012	5h2/54.45	ANT	CG14 - 6h1/55.57
Engberg, Lisbet	MAR	2000	127/3:05:18	SWE	[2:44:37 '91]
Farmer-Patrick, Sandra	400H	1988-2000	'92 - 1/53.62	JAM	WC'87 - 4/54.38
Fikotová-Connolly, Olga	DT	1960-1972	'68 - 1/53.35	CSR/CZE	OG'56 - 1/53.69
Forde, Lorna	200, 400	1980	5s1/53.42	BAR	CommG'74 - 5s1/54.36, OG '76 - 7Q1/53.62
Grossarth-Rockwell, Jennifer	400H	2004-12	6s1/56.18	ITA	WC13 - 5h4/56.53
Innis, Jennifer	100, LJ	1988	7/11.21, 5/6.59	GUY	OG'80 - 13/6.10 (6.44Q)
Lewis, Yvette	100, TJ, HEP	2008-2012	6s2 12.87 '08, 4/13.84 '08, 5140/20 '12	PAN	lbAmC 100h '14- 1/13.05
Myers-Brown, Sandy	LJ	1980	11/6.10	ESP	400 - WC'91 - 3/49.78, OG'96 - 6s2/51.42
Ofili (now Porter), Tiffany	100h	2008	5s1/12.76	GBR	WC'13/3, EC14-1, CCp14- 2/12.51
Praught, Aisa	3000St	2012	8h2/9:55.78	JAM - 010615	WC'15 - Dq/h1
Pierre, Barbara	100	2012	10.85 '13	HAI	OG'08 - 5q5/11.56
Reid, Suziann	400	1996-2004	'04- 7/51.61, '00- 5s2/51.44	JAM	[52.77'95]

Roberts, Trecia	100H	1996	7Q2/13.29	THA	OG'00 – 7s2/13.15, WC'99 – 5s1/12.83
Scott, Colleen	TJ	2008	13.39W/NQ	JAM	PAG'03 – 7/13.63
Toeneboehn-Vernon, Judy	200, PEN	1968	200 - nq ht , Pen– 17/3615	GBR	OG'72 100H – 5h1/13.37 400R – 7/43.71
Walasiewicz, Stanislaw – (Walsh Stella)	100, 200	1928, 1956	'28 -100 – 3s4 '56 – 200 – 3h5/26.8	POL	OG '32 1/11.9, '36 – 2/11.7 WG'30 1/12.5, '34 – 2/11.9 EC'38 – 1/23.8
Williams, Angela	100, 200	1992-1996	'92– 100– Dnf/q1, 6s2/23.30	TRI	OG'88 – 7q2-11.45, 7q1-23.48