


**Hilary Mary Rose**

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| <p><b>Great Britain</b><br/>61 caps<br/>Olympic Games<br/>4th, Atlanta (1996)<br/>Goal Keeper</p> <p>( Hilary was a member of SCLHC in the 1995-96 season and was registered as Sutton player in the 1996 Olympics played in the Atlanta games ( photograph with Mandy and Jane below)) Most of Hilary’s caps were with Ipswich LHC</p> <p><b>England</b><br/>101 caps (1993 – 2002)<br/>Most of Hilary’s caps were with Ipswich LHC</p> |  <p><i><u>Hilary Mary Rose</u></i></p> |
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A former Sutton Coldfield Ladies Hockey Club, England and Great Britain goalkeeper Hilary made 162 international appearances during her playing career, notching up 101 caps for England and a further 61 for Great Britain. After making her international debut in 1993, Hilary went on to play for England at the World Cups of 1994, 1998 and 2002. She was a member of England’s double silver medal winning team at the 1998 and 2002 Commonwealth Games and the bronze medal winning side at the 1999 European Championships in Cologne Hilary was born in Sale, Greater Manchester on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 1971 and in the 1995 - 96 season she was a member of the Sutton Coldfield Ladies Hockey Club and the Great Britain squad at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta with Jane Sixsmith and Mandy Davies. Hilary also played in 2000 Olympics Sydney Games as a member of Ipswich HC, where she played for most of her hockey. Hilary alongside with Richard Beer were appointed joint Team Managers to the senior England women’s hockey team until the end of the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

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**Caroline Brewer née Rule**

During Caroline 4 seasons with Sutton Coldfield Ladies 1988 to 1992, getting selected into the GB world squad, she was a very important player in helping the Club to qualify in 1990 to play in the play in the European Cup in 1991 and in the team winning the Cup in 1992 as well as the home club in the 1992 unsuccessful attempt in retaining the trophy.

Caroline joined the Sutton Coldfield Ladies from Leicester HC in 1988 to be registered as a Sutton player with Great Britain for the Seoul Olympics and joined her new colleague, Barbara Hambly OBE and captain of the squad and Jane Sixsmith and played for the Sutton Coldfield club in the 1989-90 season before Caroline moved back to Leicester. Caroline played for Great Britain on 35 occasions between 1985 and 1988

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## **Pauline Gibbon**

Played for Great Britain 1971 – 85 and was part of the initial Women's GB squad qualifying for Olympic status and she played 21 matches for GB

Pauline played for England Under-23's 8 times

Played for England 78 times  
(Note caps were not always awarded (early days))

She played in Goal, without a helmet or face mask and with cricket wicket keeping pads.

Pauline played in England's winning world cup team in 1975 in Edinburgh

Played for SCLHC between 1980's and managed them in 1985.

She was in the GB squad for the Moscow Olympics in 1980 along with Jane Swinnerton (also SCLHC) but the team didn't go to Moscow because of a political Boycott.



Pauline Gibbon clearing the goal area  
England v Scotland @ Wembley

Played in goal for the England in the game against Scotland at Wembley Stadium on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1976, which England won 3 – 0 and was highly mentioned in the after dinners game for her performance.

She played Cricket against the Australian Ladies touring side, as wicketkeeper, conceded no byes and was top scorer with 29 out of their total of 66 all out and was mentioned in the BBC2 News that night. She also played against Middlesex and was selected to tour India but decline due to hockey commitments.

Pauline played cricket for the Civil Service in July 1970 against Middlesex at Sudbury Hill and in May 1971 again against Middlesex at Chiswick. Both games were drawn and Pauline batted only once and was not out without scoring a run.

Pauline also took to golf and became the Walmley Golf Club's Lady Captain in 2013 and organised a charity event raising £8,000 for the Cancer unit at the Birmingham.

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## **Barbara Hambly. OBE née Holden**

Barbara Hambly. OBE was born 12 March 1958 in Chichester , West Sussex, and educated at Chichester H.S and Chelsea C.P.E. P.E. Teacher, before playing hockey for the South 1976 – 79, Midlands 1979 – 82, England Under-18 in 1976 and England Under-23 in 1977-78, England "B" 1976-77 England 1980-82, toured Spain in 1977, Great Britain Squad 1980 and played for Sussex and Northamptonshire, before moving into the Birmingham area and joined the Sutton Coldfield

Club for the 1981- 82 season. Barbara also had played as a junior for Sussex at basketball and played cricket for Sussex seniors and England junior cricketers.

Barbara was selected to go to the Moscow Olympic Games in 1980, but due to a political stance the Great Britton team withdrew, and unfortunately G.B. did not make the qualification level to play in the Los Angeles Games of 1984. Now at the age of 30, the physical Education teacher, was with her husband, Richard, seriously considered starting a family. However, these thoughts were put on one side when Barbara was invited to captain the G.B. Olympic hockey team at the Seoul Games of 1988.

A great honour to lead ones country even if they are the lowest of the eight national sides competing in Korea. Although no medal was achieved the Great Britain team finish a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> losing the bronze play off 1 - 0 to the host team, South Korea, In their group they had finished runners up to the Netherlands with a win 1 - 0 over Argentina and a 2 – 2 draw against the USA.

Barbara linked up with her England and Great Britain colleague Jane Swinnerton helping the Sutton Club to achieve success in Warwickshire, Midlands and European competitions having played for Great Britain and been their captain, playing 54 game for them scoring 2 goals in a career spanning 9 years - 1980 to 1988,



**Barbara Hambly OBE**

She retired from international commitments after losing in the bronze medal play-off against the Netherlands at the Seoul Olympics of 1988 losing 3 -1. from international commitments after losing in the bronze medal play-off against the Netherlands at the Seoul Olympics of 1988 losing 3 -1.

The Hockey Writer's Club Annual Award for the "UK Hockey Player Award for 1988" was won by Barbara Hambly. OBE and she was their Chief Guest at the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1989 England v Germany hockey game at Wembley. Further accolades were awarded to Barbara in the 1990 New Year Honours when Barbara received an OBE for her services to Women's Hockey.

In April 1990, the Sutton Coldfield Ladies won the National Club Championship in Bournemouth with Barbara scoring the all-important winning goal, after having finishing runner up in the previous season. The Ladies having already won the Warwickshire and the Midlands Championships.

It is worthy of note of Barbara's dedication to hockey when she played in all four games that Sutton played in Europe - six weeks after having a baby in March 1991.

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**Jane H. Swinnerton**



Jane Heather Swinnerton was the daughter of John Gerald and Betty (nee Sutcliffe) and was born in Erdington on 7th May 1954. She first played for Sutton Coldfield Ladies Hockey Club in April 1971 when only 16.

At the AGM of 29th March 1976, Jane was presented with an engraved silver bracelet to commemorate her selection for the England “B” XI that Year and was also elected 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain by the Sutton Club.

By 1974 Jane had become an active committee member of the Sutton Ladies Club and an outstanding 1st XI player and by 1977 she was a regular member of the England Women’s Hockey team going on to win 100 caps during the next 10 years. Jane was also England’s team Captain for a number of years.

In 1977 the Women’s Hockey Board of Great Britain and Ireland met for the first time resulting in Jane playing for the first Women’s team playing under the Great Britain and Ireland banner losing on the 29, and on the 30 April 1978 at Amstelveen in the Netherlands but recorded their first ever win against Belgium on 1<sup>st</sup> May 5 – 2 at the same venue.



*Jane Swinnerton*

Other reports goes on to say that Jane playing at Centre Forward had scored over 100 goals in the 1975-76 season and in her recent five week tour of America with the Great Britain & Ireland Under-23 squad, Jane scored 15 goals in 11 games.

Jane was duly invited to join the Olympic Women’s Hockey squad for the Moscow games in 1980, but because of the USSR invasion of Afghanistan, a number of countries withdrew, including the GB Hockey teams, which was great disappointment to Jane and her colleagues from the Sutton Coldfield Ladies Hockey Club, Pauline Gibbon, Barbara Hambly née Holden who were also selected.



Jane Swinnerton on the cover of the Hockey Digest October 1993

Jane did play for Great Britain in 14 games scoring 13 goals in a 5 year period 1978 to 1984, including the Four Nations tournament in Dublin and the American Cup in 1981 followed by a Four Nations event in Berlin in April 1984 after which Jane was informed that she would receive a G.B. invite for the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984, but a mix-up in the G.B. Entry resulted in Great Britain not being invited although they had obtained winning results over other countries invited, including Netherlands, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the USA. This was another great disappointment for Jane, whose outstanding talent was not to be seen on the world stage of Women’s Hockey.

However, the greatest highlight of her club career was part of the Sutton Coldfield team that won the European championships in Vught, Holland in 1992. It was a game that she played with that other great England & Sutton Coldfield player, Jane Sixsmith.

In the same season Jane scored 9 goals when they outplayed Harrow 15 – 0 in the Women’s Hockey Association Cup.

In 1979 Jane scored a hat trick playing for the Festival Women's XI in the Motorway Hockey Festival against a Spanish Side the "Spanish Flies" and then had her jaw broken when she was in collision with a Spanish defender. In 1994 Jane was invited to manage the England squad, in sharp contrast to when she was dropped as a player some years earlier because they did not consider that Jane took playing hockey seriously, although those who knew Jane found her the most agreeable and light hearted person but once she was on the hockey field with stick in her hand, she was devastating, showing all her determination and stick skill. However, they quickly realised their mistake and she was back in the England team and played for them on 49 occasions. It was no surprise that she maintained an integral part of Great Britain team until 1987 when she retired from the international scene.

In "The Great Britain Hockey Story of 2000 written by Bill Colwill, placed Jane at the top of the "Highest Strike Rate by a Great Britain Women Players" with a strike rate of 0.93 compared to the runner up Jennifer Givan née Redpath with 0.53.

### **Winner of the "Player-of- the Tournament Trophy".**



Jane greatest achievement was winning a gold medal when playing for Sutton Coldfield Ladies Hockey Club in the final of the European Cup Winners Cup final in May 1992 when she scored 12 goals and was awarded the **"Player-of- the Tournament Trophy"**.

On a personal note: - Jane married John Ions a member of Stone Hockey Club in 1993 and they have two sons who both play hockey for Cannock HC.

#### **Staffordshire County Hockey**

*Jane had contributed considerable to the success of the Staffordshire County Hockey and the Sentinel from Stoke on Trent in 1992 covered Jane's career, and below is a copy their tribute to Jane;*

*"STAFFORDSHIRE'S Jane Swinnerton is still very much one of the country's star hockey players, although it is two years since she appeared on the international scene.*

*After dropping out of representative hockey at the highest level, she opted to continue in the county team which was very much to the relief of the selectors, her team-mates and supporters.*

*As an attacker she had always been a prolific goal-getter and very much a livewire of the front line. Jane entered senior hockey as a fifth former at school when she joined Sutton 20 years ago. She has been with her one and only club, now indisputably one of the nation's top sides, ever since. In these two decades she has travelled the world playing, and consistently scoring goals for England and Great Britain. Perhaps her biggest disappointment was twice being in the Olympic squad and never making the Games themselves.*

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*The first setback was the boycott which followed the Afghanistan affair. Individual Olympic Associations in this country had to make up their minds — and hockey chose not to go. Then they were all set to go to Los Angeles, but were eliminated at the last minute because officialdom suddenly decided, without any previous warning, that the team had not played a sufficient number of qualifying matches to establish a justifiable track record. It was because of this that Jane decided to quit as far as the Great Britain team was concerned. She told me: "We had a squad good enough to win a medal, but we were not even given the opportunity to go and prove ourselves.*

*"It was not up to the players to see to it that we completed the right number of qualifying matches, but it was up to the powers that be to have told us how many games were needed. "We had done eight years of hard work to take part in the Games. After we missed those two I realised it would be another four years to wait for the next.*

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*"The squad was breaking up anyway and I decided that would be that as far as the Great Britain squad was concerned." Altogether she played for Great Britain on more than 20 occasions and gained 49 England "caps" between 1971 and 1987, making seven appearances in the-then televised Wembley internationals. Her travels abroad included trips to Malaysia, Canada, and the USA as well as numerous European countries.*

*The head of girls PE at a school in the Midlands, Jane is very much to the forefront of hockey. Her club has just finished third in the first season of the new National League and she declares: "We are aiming to win that title next season."*

*The Sutton Coldfield Ladies Hockey Club have won most competitions, tournaments, and trophies available to clubs.*

*The above article was written by Viv Wyndham "of the Sentinel*

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**Linda (Bobbie) Robson**

Linda was playing for SCLHC 1<sup>st</sup> team according to an article in the Birmingham Evening Mail of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1976 titled "You have to possess a Very Good Playing Pedigree for Sutton Coldfield Ladies Hockey Club"

Linda had played for Worcestershire County Hockey Team before she joined the Sutton Club and was an AEWHA "B" Umpire. She played in the Sutton Ladies team when they were invited to play in the 9<sup>th</sup> European Cup in Vienna in 1982.

Linda was nicknamed Bobbie after the famous England football player Sir Bobby Robson

In January 1986 Linda was an "A" grade umpire and was invited by the England WHA to umpire in the Netherlands and for her achievements as an International "A" Umpire the Club presented Linda with an engraved goblet.



***Linda Robson***

**Lisa Jane Prince née Bayliss,**



Lisa was born on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 1966 in Walsall and became involved with the Sutton Coldfield Ladies Hockey Club from about 17 years of age and made an early impression in the 1985-86 indoor season when playing in the 1<sup>st</sup> team for Sutton when the team won all games in the Worcestershire Invitation League with a squad of only 12 players. The squad went on to win the National Indoor finals at Crystal Place after a successful win in the Midlands in January 86. Lisa also played for Warwickshire Indoor team in 1987.

Lisa outdoor hockey was also impressive having played for Staffordshire, Midlands and England Juniors in 86, including the Midland Under-21's in the 1986-87 season, she became an automatic selected player for Staffordshire, England and Great Britain where she played for G.B. on 30 occasions and scored 4 goals during the period 1990-92, including the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona where she picked up a bronze medal when the team beat Korea in the play off 4 - 3.



***Lisa Bayliss in G.B's Olympic colours***

During Lisa's early playing days she took on the role of 1<sup>st</sup> team captain in 1989 for the Sutton Club, a post she held for two seasons before moving into the 1<sup>st</sup> team's vice-captaincy for a number of seasons before she was persuaded to captain the side in the 1995-96 season. Lisa also took on the job of match secretary in the 1987-88 season

Lisa's organising the formation of a Sutton Coldfield Ladies Over-45 team and represented England in an over 50's tournament where the team won the silver medal in the 2017 tournament in the Netherlands. England beat Scotland 4-0, Wales 3-0, Holland 2-1 and drawing 1-1 with Ireland before losing in the decider to a Dutch team

*Lady members of Sutton Coldfield Ladies hockey club involved in the European Masters tournament in 2017 and in 2018. However I am not 100% certain what they won as I had differing information. You may have better information to correct the following: -*

Lisa Prince née Bayliss, a GB Olympian, played for the England over 50s team who took the **silver medal**, beating Scotland 4-0, Wales 3-0, Holland 2-1 and drawing 1-1 with Ireland before losing the decider to the Dutch home team in 2017.

2018 Helen Durran née Maxwell won a Bronze medals at the Masters Hockey World Cup in Terrassa, Spain in the Over-40's .

Lisa Prince in the Over-50's, also won **Bronze** in 2018 and Paula Maxwell won Gold in the Over-65 Masters in 2018.

2017 Charlotte Cross played for the England Over-45s team losing to the Dutch in the final to take the silver medal.

Charlotte Cross also played for the England Over-45s team in the World Masters in 2017

### **Off to the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Game**



#### **Left to right Mandy Davies, Jane Sixsmith and Hilary Rose**

Three Sutton Coldfield Ladies in the Olympic Games Squad off to Atlanta to represent Great Britain in 1992 where they finished 4<sup>th</sup> losing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place play off.

### **THE 9<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN CUP in VIENNA in 1982**

However, Sutton Coldfield Ladies Hockey Club won the English National Champions in 1981, and were invited to represent England in the European Cup Winners Cup which they won and became **European Cup Winners Cup Champions 1982 in Vienna** and it was followed by a Civic Reception in Birmingham. The Squad of 13 were as follows: -



Kay Eames.(Captain)  
Sue Bradford.  
Bev Fiddes.  
Joy Gillard.  
Lee Gillard.  
Barbara Holden.  
Sheelagh Maloney.  
Debbie Morris.  
Carys Price.  
Sian Roberts.  
Linda Robson.  
Jane Swinnerton.  
Jan Taylor.  
Pat Watkins.(MANAGER)  
Sue Whitney.(PHYSIOTHERAPIST)