



Dorothy's Olympic Team Blazer Badge
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Olympic Gold Medal won by Deanshanger Girl

Dorothy Scouler, at the age of 16, ran for Britain in the Women's Olympics in Sweden in 1926. Dorothy was brought up by her Grandfather, William Panter of Bridge Farm, Deanshanger.

She trained at Wolverton Works where her potential was spotted. She joined an athletic club in London and trained at White City. It was here that she was spotted as an Olympic hopeful. She impressed the scouts by the fact that she ran in navy bloomers and plimsolls whereas her competitors wore running shorts and spiked shoes. Her selection was also influenced by the fact that whilst her competitors started on blocks, from a squat position, Dorothy went from a standing start and still easily won.

After some negotiation her Grandfather allowed Dorothy to go to Stockholm but she had to be chaperoned by her aunt. Dorothy Scouler won Gold!