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BRITISH SPORTS AWARDS 2017

Vote for the SJA Sportsman, Sportswoman & Sports Team of the Year

The SJA British Sports Awards, sponsored by The National Lottery is being staged at The Pavilion at the Tower of London on Wednesday 6 December. At the awards the SJA will announce its Sportsman, Sportswoman and Sport Team of 2016.

This is your chance to play your part in your awards, the longest running of their kind in Britain. We ask you to choose your sportswomen, sportsmen and teams of the year. Voting is available online at www.sportsjournalists.co.uk.

Prompt List

Some of the outstanding sporting performances of 2017 are detailed here. You do not have to restrict your votes to these suggestions, they are simply available for your consideration.

SJA Sportsman of the Year contenders

Adam Peaty – Two gold medals at the 2017 World Aquatics Championships. He twice broke his own 50 metres breaststroke record on the way.

Aled Davies – Gold medals in the F42 shot put and discus to complete his triple double by claiming the discus and shotput titles at three consecutive World Championships.

Anthony Joshua – Added the WBA world heavyweight title to his IBF belt with a knockout win over Wladimir Klitschko in front of a record 90,000 fans at Wembley stadium.

Chris Froome – Won his fourth Tour de France in July and later in the year became the first Briton to win the Vuelta a España and only the third man to complete the Tour-Vuelta double.

Harry Kane – A late season flurry saw Kane retain the Premier League Golden Boot for the 2016/17 season with 29 goals. His goals were a key reason why Tottenham finished second.

James Anderson – The first England bowler to take 500 test wickets. He joins an exclusive international club of only six.

Jonnie Peacock – Won his second world title storming to victory in the T44 100m final at the World Para-athletics Championships in London

Lewis Hamilton – Leading the F1 drivers' championships attempting to win his fourth crown.

Mo Farah – Defended his 10,000 metres world title at his final championships on the track.

Moeen Ali – Our 2014 SJA newcomer. His all round performances were inspirational as England clinched home test series victories over South Africa and West Indies. Among bowling highlights, a hat-trick at the Oval. His batting included an astonishing one day blitz against the West Indies.

Richard Whitehead – Won T42 200 metres gold at the World Para-athletics Championships and also took bronze in the 100 metres.

Tom Daley – Claimed the 10 metres platform diving title at the World Aquatics Championships in Budapest eight years after his first.

SJA Sportswoman of the Year contenders

Anya Shrubsole – England's leading wicket taker in the women's Cricket World Cup, her devastating spell decided the final against India at Lord's.

Bianca Walkden – Defended her taekwondo world title in South Korea

Georgina Hermitage – Smashed her own world record on her way to World Para-athletics gold in the T37 400 metres

Hannah Cockcroft – Remains undefeated at major competitions winning a trio of golds at the 2017 World Para-athletics Championships

Hollie Arnold – Paralympic champion Arnold added the world title with a world record throw in the F46 competition.

Jodie Taylor – Golden boot winner at the 2017 Euros, her hat-trick in England's 6-0 victory over Scotland was the first by an English woman in a major football tournament.

Johanna Konta – First British woman to reach a Wimbledon singles semi-final since 1978. She reached a career high world ranking of fourth earlier in the year.

Olivia Breen – Triumphant in the T38 long jump at the World Para-athletics Championships with a personal best of 4.81 meters

Sammi Kinghorn – T53 World Para-athletics Championship golds in the 100 and 200 metres

Sarah Bern – at 19 the youngest member of England's Women's World Cup Rugby squad, she scored the try which set up a convincing semi final victory over France.

Sophie Hahn – Broke her own world record in the women's T38 200 metres at the World Para-athletics Championships.

Tammy Beaumont – The highest run scorer in the Women's Cricket World Cup, Tammy was named player of the tournament.

SJA Sports Team of the Year contenders

British and Irish Lions rugby – The Lions battled back after defeat in the first test to draw the three match series against the mighty New Zealand All Blacks.

England men's rugby team – Won the 2017 Six Nations for the second successive year and equalled New Zealand's record for an unbeaten run . They just fell short of the grand slam with final match defeat to Ireland

England U20's men's football – Beat Venezuela in the final to win a first global football title in any age group since 1966

England women's cricket – England were crowned World Cup Winners after a dramatic finale against India in front of the biggest crowd to watch a women's match in Britain.

England women's rugby –reached the final of the Women's World Cup for the fifth consecutive occasion but fell short against New Zealand in Belfast.

Essex County Cricket Club – confounded the odds by winning the Championship for the first time since 1992. It was their first season back in the top flight after promotion.

Lincoln City Football Club – The first non-league side to reach the FA Cup quarter finals since 1914

4x100m men's relay squad – Won gold at the World Athletics Championships setting a British record 37.47 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year.

4x200m men's freestyle swimming – Successfully defended their title at the 2017 World Aquatic Championships in Budapest.