

By Jerome Conway

LORNA BOOTHE, the World Cup winning England women's cricket team, footballer turned professional boxer Stacey Cope-land, England and Wales Cricket Board and England Rugby's Inner Warrior campaign were amongst the winners of the Women's Sport Trust #BeAGameChanger Awards 2018.

On May 23 the Women's Sport Trust announced the winners of this year's Women's Sport Trust #BeAGameChanger Awards, celebrating the visionaries and game changers driving the future of women's sport.

A range of individuals, organisations and initiatives were honoured at the event, which took place last night at Troxy, East London.

The award for Individual Sporting Role Model which shines a light on an elite athlete who has used their influence to drive forward women's sport, was presented to Cope-land. As one of only a handful of professional female boxers in the UK, she is passionate about both challenging inequality and celebrating success of women in sport.

**INSPIRING**

Team Sporting Role Model was awarded to the World Cup winning England women's cricket team. Their win, in front of a sell-out crowd and 1.1 million UK TV viewers, was a watershed moment for the sport, inspiring a whole new generation of players and fans.

As well as recognising athletes and teams driving forward women's sport, the #BeAGameChanger Awards also celebrates other individuals, organisations and initiatives that have had a significant impact. Categories include: Ambassa-

# #BeAGameChanger



WINNERS: Lorna Boothe, left, collects her award at the #BeAGameChangerAwards

## Women's awards ceremony highlights female contribution to sport

dor of Women's Sport; National Governing Body of the Year; Brand / Sponsor Partnership of the Year; Inspiring Initiative – National and Local; Media Initiative of the Year; and Imagery of the Year.

Ambassador of Women's Sport was awarded to double Olympian and Commonwealth gold and silver medalist and now the most senior black woman in athletics administration Boothe. National Governing Body of the Year was awarded to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB).

In 2017, the ECB made huge strides to make cricket a sport for all.

The Brand / Sponsor Partnership of the Year award

nership with GB and England Women's Hockey.

The Inspiring Initiative categories recognises projects that have had a significant impact

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which recognises the vital role of investment in raising the profile and increasing the impact of women's sport was awarded to Investec's part-

on progressing women's sport at both a national and a local level. This year's National Inspiring Initiative award was presented to England Rugby's

Inner Warrior campaign which aims to encourage more female players into rugby. The Local Inspiring Initiative was presented to Crawley Old Girls (COGs) which aims to enable older women to learn to play football.

**OUTSTANDING**

An award for Outstanding Contribution to Women's Sport, chosen by Women's Sport Trust, was presented to former England captain and founding member of the Rugby Football Union for Women

Carol Isherwood.

Jo Bostock, co-founder and Joint CEO of the Women's Sport Trust commented: “Why is the Women's Sport Trust so committed to running the #BeAGameChanger Awards? Because compelling stories about the trailblazers need to be told. They set the pace and show what's possible. Most importantly they stimulate other brands, sport and the media to step up and take action. Building this momentum will ensure the future of women's sport.”

# All tracks lead to London

By Joel Campbell

FOLLOWING THE announcement that Christian Coleman and Andre De Grasse will compete at the Muller Anniversary Games, eight other world-class sprinters have been confirmed for the 100m at the IAAF Diamond

League meeting in London on July 21-22.

Su Bingtian heads up the latest additions. A 9.99s performer over 100m, Su set three Asian records over 60m this indoor season, culminating with his 6.42s clocking to clinch world indoor silver behind Coleman in Birmingham.

**REUNITE**

The bronze medallist from that race, USA's Ronnie Baker, is set to join the pair in Lon-

don, with the race serving to reunite the trio that made the podium earlier this year. Baker, who holds a 100m best of 9.97, earlier this year reduced his 60m PB to 6.40s to move to third on the world all-time list.

World indoor 60m hur-

110m hurdles at the Anniversary Games in 2016, recording a swift season's best 13.19 in his heat.

Having already achieved the qualifying standard for the European Championships with one of the ten fastest times

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dles champion Andrew Pozzi, Commonwealth Games silver medallists Eilidh Doyle and Morgan Lake as well as double Gold Coast medallist in the women's T38 100m and long jump and world T38 long jump champion, Olivia Breen, will all be in action at the London Stadium.

Pozzi last competed in the

in 2018, he is relishing the chance to be back amongst a strong field in London.

He said: “The Müller Anniversary Games is always the highlight of the outdoor season, and for a British athlete there really is no better feeling that being introduced to a home crowd, especially when it's at the London Stadium.



LAST RUN: Kim Collins to compete one final time

“It's a meeting that brought the best out of me back in 2016, and I'll be going in looking to win this time around at what I'm sure will be a weekend of incredible and world class athletics.”

**FINAL**

Akani Simbine and Henricho Bruinjies secured a South African 1-2 finish at the Commonwealth Games. They will

be joined in London by the man who took the bronze medal behind them, Jamaica's 2011 world champion Yohan Blake.

Kim Collins, meanwhile, will be making his final appearance on UK soil. The 2003 world champion has competed in the UK on more than 50 occasions.

The home crowd will have plenty to cheer on in the form of CJ Ujah and Reece Prescod.



SU'S THAT GUY: Voice of Sport talks to Su Bingtian