

Elizabeth “Betty” Taylor

Track and Field

Born in Ingersoll on February 22, 1916, Betty Taylor attended Victory Memorial School until her family moved to Hamilton, Ontario in 1929. When Betty was just 14 years old, she joined the Hamilton Athletic Club. By the end of her first year as a competitive athlete, she had won the Canadian national title by setting a new record time for women’s hurdles.

Two years later, at the age of 16, she was named a member of the Canadian Olympic Team competing at the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Games. In 1934, she was a member of the Canadian Track & Field Team that competed at both the British Empire Games and the subsequent Women’s World Games in London, England, where she won a silver medal.

Although Betty retired from the sport shortly after competing in the 11th Olympiad, the Canadian Press named her the 1936 Canadian Woman Athlete of the Year.



Inducted in 1986—Athlete