



Trinity Olympians

George Morphy

Sport: Athletics

Trinity College Dublin: BA (1907)

Olympics: 1908, London

George Morphy excelled at 3 track disciplines – 440 yds, 880yds and One Mile – and held multiple national titles between 1905 and 1910. He was born on 20th April 1884 and entered Trinity in 1902.

At the I.A.A.A. Championships, he was 440 yds champion in 1908, 1909 and 1910, clocking 53.2 sec in 1908. Morphy was champion over 880 yds in 1905, 1906 and 1908, and the One Mile champion in the same years.

At College Races in 1905, Morphy appeared to set an 'Irish Record' of 1:57.4, but the track on measurement was 5½ yds short. At the Bicycle Club Sports in College Park in the same year, he set an Irish 880 yds Record of 1:56.8.

He represented Ireland at the annual International match against Scotland from 1905 – 1909, winning the One Mile in 1906 and 1909 and victorious in the 880 yds in 1908.

Morphy was selected for the British team to compete at the 1908 Olympic Games in London, in the 800m event. Ireland did not compete in the event as an independent state until 1924. He was 3rd in his semi final, but only the winner of each heat advanced to the final.

He became a solicitor and served in World War I in the (Royal) Army Service Corp (1914 – 1920), rising in rank from Second Lieutenant to Captain.

