

Beijing Olympics 2008

Meet the British Olympic canoeing team*

We wish them all the best in their pursuit of medals. "Across GB Canoeing as a whole, all of our athletes have already medalled internationally and are capable of being on the podium in Beijing."

Slalom

Fiona Pennie

Women's K1 (kayak single)

www.fionapennie.com

Age: 25

Interesting fact: Has recently had laser surgery on her eyes to correct short sight. Her mother was an international flat water racing athlete.

Career highlights:**

2007 Bronze in Women's European Championship team event

2007 Bronze in Women's World Championship team event

2006 Silver World Medalist

2005 Bronze Under 23 European Championships

2000 Junior World Champion

Fiona comments:

"I am looking forward to taking part in the biggest sporting event in the world and to have this opportunity to represent Great Britain is very special."

Campbell Walsh

Men's K1 (kayak single)

www.campbellwalsh.com

Age: 30

Interesting fact: Campbell designs and develops his own slalom boats. His sister Kim was also a talented paddler, representing GB at an international level.

Career highlights:**

2008 Gold European Championships

2007 Bronze World Championships

2007 Bronze European Championships & Bronze in Men's team event

2006 Bronze World Championships

2005 Silver World Cup 2

2004 Silver Athens Olympics

2004 World Cup winner

2003 Silver World Cup

Campbell comments:

"I am looking forward to my second Olympic Games - it's a second opportunity for me to get Gold."

David Florence

Men's C1 (canoe single)

www.davidflorence.co.uk

Age: 26***

Interesting fact: David has a degree in mathematical physics, from Nottingham University.

He is a keen skier and plays the bagpipes. He enjoys learning new languages and has been studying Chinese.

Career highlights:**

2008 Pre Worlds

2008 Bronze World Cup 1

2007 5th World Championships

2007 Silver in World Cup series

2006 Gold World Cup

2005 Bronze World Cup

David comments:

"Competing in the Olympics has been a long term and major ambition of mine. It is truly the highlight of my sporting career."

Flat Water Racing

Tim Brabants

Men's K1 (kayak single) 1000m & 500m www.timbrabants.com

Age: 31

Interesting fact: Tim is a qualified doctor. He achieved a World's best time for MK1 1000m at the Athens Olympics.

Career highlights:**

2008 Silver World Cup 2 (Poznan) K1 500m

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2008 Gold World Cup 2 (Duisburg) K1 1000m

2008 Silver World Cup 2 (Duisburg) K1 500m

2008 Bronze World Cup 1 (Szeged) K1 1000m

2008 Gold European Championships (Milan) K1 1000m

2007 Gold Pre-Olympics (Beijing) K1 500m

2007 Gold Pre-Olympics (Beijing) K1 1000m

2007 Gold World Championships (Duisburg) K1 1000m

2007 Silver World Championships (Duisburg) K1 500m

2007 Gold European Champion (Pontevedra) K1 500m

2007 Silver European Championships (Pontevedra) K1 1000m

2007 Bronze World Cup 3 (Gerardmer) K1 500m

2007 Bronze World Cup 2 (Szeged) K1 1000m

2007 Bronze World Cup 1 (Zagreb) K1 1000m

2006 Silver World Championships (Szeged) K1 1000m

2006 Gold European Championships (Racice) K1 1000m

2005 18 months off

2004 5th Olympic Games Athens

2004 World Best Time K1 1000m Heat Athens Olympic Games 3min24.412sec

2004 Silver European Championships (Poznan) K1 1000m

2000 Bronze Olympic Games Sydney Men's K1 1000m

Tim comments:

"This is my 3rd Olympic Games, but this year I've had my best preparations and results going into any Games. So this one I'm the most excited about in terms of a result and bringing home a medal for Team GB."

John Anderson, Performance Director comments:

"In the current World and European Champion Tim Brabants, Team GB have a great prospect for a gold medal at the Olympic Games in Beijing."

Lucy Wainwright**Women's K1 (kayak single) 200m**www.lucywainwright.com**Age:** 30

Interesting fact: Lucy finished 7th in Athens in the women's K1 event. Her husband Barney was part of the commentating team for canoeing at the Athens Olympic Games and commentated on Lucy's performance during the races. Her hobbies include cycling and outdoor activities. She is a former BUSA champion in canoe polo.

Career highlights:**

2008 Gold European Championships K1 200m

2008 6th K1 500m European Championships

2008 World Cup 3 Bronze K1 200m & 8th K1 500m

2008 World Cup 2 11th - K1 500m

2007 12th - K2 500m & 6th - K2 200m World Championships

2007 5th - K2 200m & 8th - K2 500m European Championships

2007 World Cup 2 10th - K2 500m

2007 World Cup 1 Silver - K2 500m & 5th - K2 200m

2004 Olympics 7th K1 500m**Lucy comments:**

"It is really exciting to be going to my second Olympics. It is an amazing sporting event and achieving success in Beijing has been the main focus of the last four years of training. Racing got off to a great start this year at the European Championships and I'm looking forward to building on this in Beijing."

Anna Hemmings & Jessica Walker**Women's K2 (kayak double) 500m**www.annahemmings.co.uk**Jessica Walker****Age:** 18

Interesting fact: Jessica will be the youngest female flat water racing athlete to compete in the Olympics.

Career highlights:

2008 Gold Junior European Championships WK1 1000m

2008 Silver Junior European Championships WK1 500m

2008 10th European Championships WK2 500m (Walker & Hemmings)

2007 Gold Junior European Championships WK1 500m

2007 Silver Junior European Championships WK2 1000m

2007 4th Junior World Championships WK1 500m2007 4th Junior World Championships WK2 1000m

2006 Gold World Marathon Championships Junior WK2

2006 6th Junior & Under 23 European Championships WK2 500m

Jessica comments:

"It is thrilling to be competing in my first games and am looking forward to going to Beijing and experiencing the greatest sporting event in the world. I feel really lucky to have this opportunity, especially at such a young age as this experience will aid my development towards 2012."

Anna Hemmings

Age: 31

Interesting facts: Anna, 6 times World Marathon Champion suffered from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and had to take a break from canoeing but made a miraculous return to the sport by winning a clean sweep of National, European and World titles. Anna was the first British female flat water canoeist to win a World or European Championship title, she did this in the discipline of Marathon racing. Anna competed in Flatwater Racing at the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000. In 2005 she was voted Sunday Times Sports Women's of the Year, Champions Award. In 2007 Anna was voted the BBC London Sports Personality of the Year.

Career highlights:**

2007 Gold Marathon World Champion
2007 9th European Championships WK1 500m
2007 8th World Championships WK1 200m
2007 14th World Championships WK1 500m
2006 Gold Marathon World Champion
2006 7th European Championships WK2 200m
2005 Gold Marathon World Champion
2005 Gold European Marathon World Championships
2002 6th World Championships WK2 200m
2002 14th World Championships WK1 500m
2001 Gold Marathon World Champion (WK1 & WK2)
2001 11th World Championships WK1 200m
2001 World Championships WK1 500m
1999 Gold Marathon World Champion
1998 Silver Marathon World Championships
1996 Silver Marathon World Championships

Anna comments:

"I am delighted to be selected for my second Olympic Games; competing at the Olympics and being part of the British team is an incredible opportunity. I'm really excited and I can't wait to get to Beijing and start racing."

Performance Director, John Anderson comments:

"At 18 years old, Jessica is the youngest female to compete in flat water racing canoeing at an Olympics. Together the pair are certainly capable of reaching the finals."

*This is the team at the time of writing

** Selected results only. For a full list, visit the athlete's own website.

***Ages – at time of Olympics

Canoeing at schedule at Beijing

Slalom

Venue: Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park

Event

GB athlete to watch

Date: 11/08/2008

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| Men's C1 (Canoe Single) | Heats - Run 1 | Start: 15:00 (8:00am) End: 15:40 | David Florence |
| Men's K1 (Kayak Single) | Heats - Run 1 | Start: 15:50 End: 16:42 | Campbell Walsh |
| Men's C1 (Canoe Single) | Heats - Run 2 | Start: 16:52 End: 17:32 | David Florence |
| Men's K1 (Kayak Single) | Heats - Run 2 | Start: 17:42 (10.42am) End: 18:34 | Campbell Walsh |

Date: 12/08/2008

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| Men's C1 | Semi final | Start: 15:00 (8:00am) End: 15:30 | David Florence |
| Men's K1 | Semi final | Start: 15:40 End: 16:17 | Campbell Walsh |
| Men's C1 | Final | Start: 16:47 End: 17:07 | David Florence |
| Men's K1 | Final | Start: 17:17 End: 17:42 (10.42am) | Campbell Walsh |

Date: 13/08/2008

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| Women's K1 | Heats - Run 1 | Start: 15:40 End: 16:32 | Fiona Pennie |
| Women's K1 | Heats - Run 2 | Start: 17:22 End: 18:14 | Fiona Pennie |

Date: 14/08/2008

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| Women's K1 | Semi final | Start : 15:35 End: 16:12 | Fiona Pennie |
| Women's K1 | Final | Start : 17:12 End: 17:37 | Fiona Pennie |

Flat Water Racing

Venue: Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park

Date: 18/08/2008

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| Men's K1 1000m | Heats | Start: 15:30 End: 15:54 | Tim Brabants |
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Date: 19/08/2008

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| Men's K1 500m | Heats | Start: 15:30 End: 16:02 | Tim Brabants |
| Women's K1 500m | Heats | Start: 16:40 End: 17:02 | Lucy Wainwright |
| Women's K2 500m | Heats | Start: 18:00 End: 18:12 | Anna Hemmings & Jess Walker |

Date: 20/08/2008

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| Men's K1 1000m | Semi finals | Start: 15:30 End: 15:44 | Tim Brabants |
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Date: 21/08/2008

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| Men's K1 500m | Semi finals | Start: 15:30 End: 15:52 | Tim Brabants |
| Women's K1 500m | Semi finals | Start : 16:20 End: 16:32 | Lucy Wainwright |
| Women's K2 500m | Semi finals | Start : 17:10 End: 17:12 | Anna Hemmings & Jess Walker |

Date: 22/08/2008

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| Men's K1 1000m | Final | Start: 15:30 End: 15:34 | Tim Brabants |
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Date: 23/08/2008

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| Men's K1 500m | Final | Start: 15:30 | End: 15:32 | Tim Brabants |
| Women's K1 500m | Final | Start: 16:20 | End: 16:22 | Lucy Wainwright |
| Women's K2 500m | Final | Start : 17:20 | End: 17:22 | Anna Hemmings & Jess Walker |

Times are in Beijing local time which is 8 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

15.00 in Beijing is 8am in UK

16.00 in Beijing is 9am in UK

17.00 in Beijing is 10am in UK

18.00 in Beijing is 11am in UK

19.00 in Beijing is 12am in UK

BBC One and BBC Two will be covering the Olympics, for more information on the television schedules visit www.bbc.co.uk/sport