

Stan Egerton



Stan Egerton began his career in athletics by winning 100m and 200m races while in the Canadian Armed Forces during World War II. He also pole vaulted, and in 1950 he won the silver medal in the British Empire Games in New Zealand. He didn't compete again until 1975, when he earned the pole vault bronze in M50 in the first World Masters Championships in Toronto. Thus began a 35 year career as a masters athlete. In the WAVA meets in 1977, 1979, and 1981 he won the pole vault, earning the silver in 2001. He also continued to sprint, stating "from 1975 I competed in most Canadian and Ontario championships and Indoor Meets with very good results in the 100m, 200m, 400m and pole vault". This is an understatement. He set many Canadian records, including long-standing outdoor vault records from 1991, 1997 and 2001, and indoor vaults from 1991 and 2001 – not to mention his M60 World Record vault in 1986. When asked about career highlights, he cited being able to break the vault records of another Hall of Famer, Ian Hume. During his long career he often advised younger vaulters, both men and women.

