

# THREE GOLDS FOR BRITAIN'S SAILORS



**SKANDIA TEAM GBR** and the G4S 49ers were looking to continue their impressive starts to this sailing season when they headed for the Hyeres regatta on the south coast of France (official title: Semaine Olympique Francais) in April.

However, light winds caused problems for the team and the 49er class in particular. The lack of wind made for some challenging racing conditions and the 49ers were unable to get out on the water for the first couple of days.

When the winds eventually picked up, G4S 49ers Stevie Morrison and Ben Rhodes began to climb up the leader board and slowly move into contention for a podium finish. But the difficult conditions eventually prevented Stevie and Ben finishing in the medals on this occasion.

Fellow G4S 49ers Chris Draper and Peter Greenhalgh fared no better, due to the fact that they withdrew from the regatta after one race when Chris received the news that his first child – a son, Harry – was about to be born and he returned home to the UK.

However, there was success elsewhere for Skandia Team GBR. 49ers Paul Brotherton and Mark Asquith won gold. It was the duo's first victory since reuniting as a team last summer, after six years apart.

Elsewhere, Bryony Shaw and Paul Goodison also secured gold, allowing the team to come away from a difficult regatta in Hyeres with three gold medals in total.

In addition, there was a silver medal for Charlotte Dobson in the Laser Radial class and a bronze medal for Megan Pascoe in the 2.4mR Paralympic class. ■





## SPORTING PARTNERSHIP FOR G4S IN KENYA

FROM LEFT: Adam Miller, G4S regional managing director for East Africa, Pauline Korikwiang, G4S 4teen athlete from Kenya, Bob Munro, founder of Mathare Youth Sports Association, and Haile Gebrselassie, G4S global ambassador, display a giant cheque celebrating G4S's sponsorship of MYSA in Kenya; Fanuel Kenosi in action; Eduardo Palas prepares for a bout of Greco-Roman wrestling; Mangal Ho warms up before competing in an archery contest.

**LEGENDARY MARATHON RUNNER** and G4S's global ambassador Haile Gebrselassie flew from Ethiopia to Kenya at the end of April to visit fellow long distance athlete Pauline Korikwiang.

Pauline is a member of G4S 4teen, the group of aspiring young athletes who are being sponsored by G4S and for whom Gebrselassie is mentor, and his unexpected arrival at her Nairobi training session took her fellow students by surprise. They were thrilled to meet and learn from the double Olympic gold medallist and current marathon world record holder.

Gebrselassie's visit coincided with the announcement that G4S Kenya has become sponsor of Mathare Youth Sports Association (MYSA), the national sports and community organisation. It will see the children of Nairobi's Mathare slums offered unique long-term support from G4S. A staff of 60 run MYSA with the help of 7,000 volunteers.

The sponsorship, designed by G4S and MYSA, will benefit the association and its children in a sustainable, constructive and valuable way.

MYSA started in 1987 as a small self-help youth programme linking sports with environmental clean-ups, AIDS prevention, leadership training and other community service activities.

In the ensuing two decades it has grown to involve around 20,000 young people who enjoy social development through football: it is one of the leading organisations within the Development through Football community. It was crowned Street Football World Champion in 2006 when it participated in the football festival held in Berlin, Germany.

As well as enjoying Gebrselassie's participation in the activity surrounding the sponsorship announcement, Kenya's media and G4S's key customers were treated to an MYSA exhibition football match. Later, the children at St Paul's Orphanage, another G4S Kenya-sponsored project, sang and danced to welcome Gebrselassie and other 4teen members when they arrived with sporting equipment for the home. It was his second visit to the orphanage.

Since that visit, Gebrselassie has reminded us what it is that makes him so special and inspires others to follow in his footsteps. He travelled to the Spanish capital to take part in the Madrid 10-kilometre race, which he won comfortably in a time of 28 mins 56 seconds. Less than a month later he ran the same distance in an even faster time (28 mins 02 seconds), despite the cold and wind, when for the third time he won the BUPA Great Manchester Run in the UK.



## MANGAL MOVES UP THE RANKINGS

**TALENTED G4S 4TEEN** archer Mangal Ho made a good impression in the 30th Senior Archery National Championship held in Guwahati, Assam, in north-east India, in April.

This competition was a step-up for Mangal as it was for seniors, whereas Mangal, who will be 17 in October, is still a junior and was one of the youngest participants.

He improved his ranking at the senior level, moving up to 18th place nationally, which bodes well for the future.

## STRONG PERFORMANCE FROM FANUEL

**SPRINTER AND G4S** 4teen member Fanuel Kenosi from Botswana is going from strength to strength this season. He returned to South Africa in April for a Yellow Pages event at which the Botswana Athletics Association was selecting competitors for two upcoming events. Fanuel's performance in the 200m earned him an invitation to both.

One was the Mauritius Track and Field event at which the impressive sprinter won the 200m in a time of 21.44 seconds, competing against athletes from France, Senegal, Mauritius, South Africa and Kenya.

Next, he represented Botswana in the 200m at the African Championships where his even faster time of 21.26 seconds gave him 3rd position. Later, he improved on that time at an athletics event in Masunga, Botswana, where his 200m in 21.05 seconds won him first place. He also finished first in the 100m in 10.50 seconds.

## EDUARDO TO REPRESENT HIS COUNTRY

**G4S 4TEEN WRESTLER** Eduardo Palas recently won Peru's national wrestling competition for his age-group, which means that he has successfully qualified to represent his country in the Pan-American Games.

Eduardo, an 18-year-old Greco-Roman wrestler from Lima, Peru, became a G4S 4teen team member almost a year ago and already has a number of victories to his name.

The Pan-American Games are taking place in Nicaragua in August this year.

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**A NEW G4S** Sport website was launched on 1 June, enabling visitors from around the world to keep up-to-date with the Group's sponsorships. Check it out at [www.g4ssport.com](http://www.g4ssport.com).

It has a news section as well as links to a Flickr picture gallery of G4S 4teen members and the Skandia Team GBR squad, for which G4S is a silver sponsor. There are also profiles of individual athletes and videos showing them in action or being interviewed.

You will also find a section devoted to various sports programmes in local G4S communities.

Why not bookmark and visit the website regularly? If you prefer, you can sign up to receive its Newsletter, or follow its progress on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube.

