

## David Morgan (MBE)

## 5 x Commonwealth Champion

## **World Medallist**



David Morgan is the only athlete in Commonwealth Games history to have been a champion at five different games – taking gold in 1982, 1986, 1990, 1994 and 2002. He also won silver in 1998 making the only athlete to medal at six games.

He was instantly successful on his Commonwealth debut for Wales, becoming the youngest ever athlete to take Commonwealth gold at the age of 17.

Competing in the lightweight class, he achieved 132.5 kg in the snatch and 162.5 kg in the clean and jerk to defeat former champion Basil (Bill) Stellios of Australia.

Morgan became World Junior Champion in 1984.

He placed fourth overall in the Summer Olympics in the same year. Snatch and clean & jerk results counted for World Medals, so Morgan picked up Bronze in the latter.

More impressively he maintained his fourth position at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul despite suffering from dysentery.

Morgan won five European Communities Championships through the 1990s.

He was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the 2020 New Year Honours for services to weightlifting