David Mercer

Olympic Bronze Medallist

Commonwealth Medallist

World Medallist

David Mercer was the last British weightlifter to medal at the Olympic Games when he stood on the podium in Los Angeles in 1984.

The Salford born lifter was able to successfully capitalise on the Eastern bloc boycott to clinch a bronze medal in the 90kg class on American soil.

Mercer lifted a total of 353.5kg to take third position after fending off a three-way challenge from West Germany's Peter Immesberger, Greece's Nikos Iliadis and Hwang U-Won of South Korea.

The event was also recognised as that year's World Championship. Only total medals counted for Olympic Games while snatch and clean & jerk medals were used for the World Weightlifting Championships, so Mercer bagged another bronze.

Four years later in Seoul, South Korea, Mercer faced an uphill challenge to retain his position with the return of the boycotting nations.

Despite clinching a Commonwealth silver medal for England in the lead up to the 1988 event, he was up against eventual five-time World Champion Anatoly Khrapaty of the Soviet Union.

However, he was still able to secure a strong sixth and was the best of the rest in his group after the returning nations.