

# Youngest competitor



**The youngest gold medallist of the Olympic Games was there by accident and not for his country. The Dutch rowing crew in the pairs race in Paris in 1900 turfed their cox, Hermanus Brockmann, out of the boat as too heavy when they lost the opening heat to the French**

Instead they enlisted a small French boy from the banks of the Seine as cox for the finals and won. He was aged under 10, maybe no more than seven, but no one bothered to take his name. To this day he remains the Olympic Games' only anonymous winner