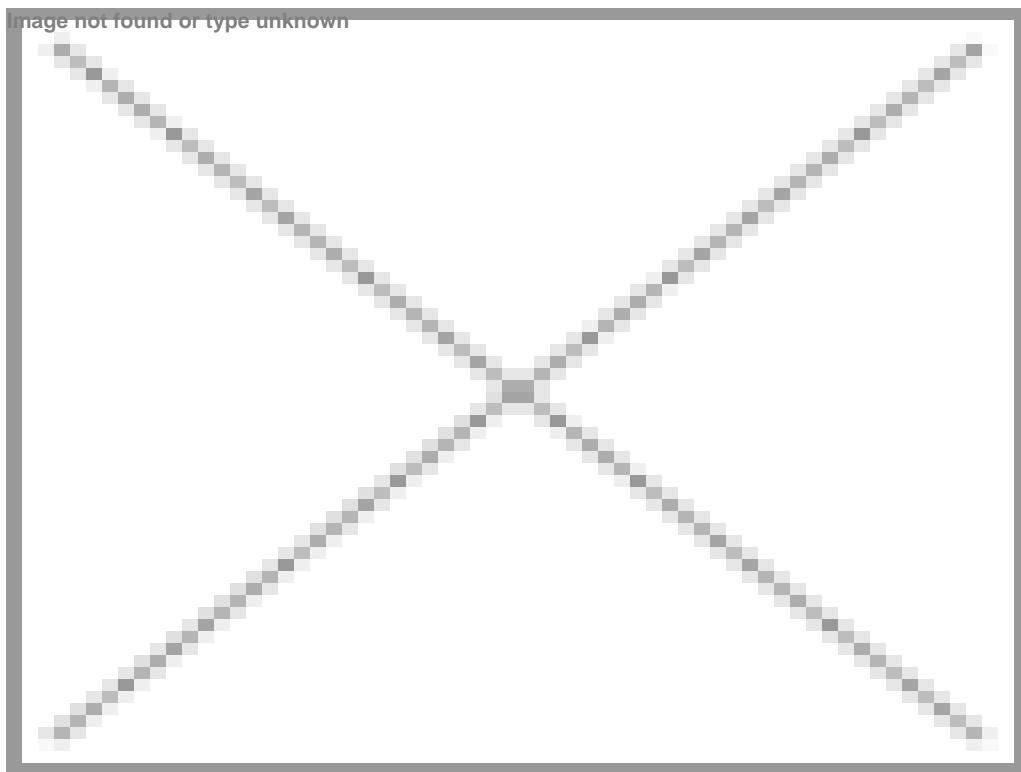


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PENTATHLON PERSONALITIES: LEGENDARY LAURA ASADAUSKAITE ENTERS POLITICS WITH LOVE FOR SPORT FULLY INTACT



Every sport has its legends. They are heroes and icons whose impact on their game is often only fully realised once they've gone.

That was never quite the case for Laura Asadauskaite, however. Such was her unceasing brilliance during a career which saw her compete at the elite end of Modern Pentathlon for well over two decades, it was impossible to ignore the Lithuanian wonder as she built her legacy in real time.

The only female pentathlete to compete in five Olympic Games, she scaled her greatest height with gold at London 2012 before reaching the podium again with silver in Tokyo nine years later. Last summer amid the regal splendour of the Palace of Versailles she further underlined her position as Pentathlon royalty as she qualified for another Olympic final at the age of 40.

