

Alex 'Tattie' Marshall named as Scotland's flag bearer



Tranent's Alex 'Tattie' Marshall has been chosen as Team Scotland's flag bearer for the Commonwealth Games closing ceremony at Hampden Park this evening.

The 47 year old lawn bowls athlete won two gold medals at Glasgow Games and is a veteran of five Commonwealth Games having made his debut in 1994 in Victoria, Canada.

He is the only person to win the World Indoor Singles title five times and holding a record 19 world titles.

He said: "Glasgow 2014 has been one of my career highlights without a doubt and to now have been given the honour to lead Team Scotland into Hampden for the Closing Ceremony, it really can't get any better than this.

"The Games for the Lawn Bowlers and the Team as a whole have been exceptional. The team spirit has been amazing from day one and I am sure that a bond that has been created amongst us all will last a lifetime.

"On a personal note, winning two Gold medals has been very special. Playing as Skip of the Men's Pairs and Fours has been a fantastic journey and the home crowd definitely gave us that extra boost that made all the difference and I know other athletes in Team Scotland have felt the same.

Jon Doig, Team Scotland Chef de Mission, said: "Alex is one of the most popular and respected sportsmen of his generation and his record in lawn bowls is second to none.

"At these Games we have witnessed both his incredible skills and leadership on the greens, but also his passion to be out

there representing Team Scotland here in Glasgow.

“He has been an inspiration to his fellow athletes, leading by example as the Skip of both the medal winning Pairs and Fours combinations. The athletes and management of Team Scotland will be proud to follow Alex into the Closing Ceremony to celebrate what has been our nation’s most successful ever Commonwealth Games.”