SONJA McLAUGHLAN

- Involved in four Olympic Games, from 1996-2008
- First woman producer of rugby union for BBC Radio
- England reporter on BBC television's coverage of the Six Nations Championship
- First dedicated athletics reporter for BBC Radio 5 Live
- Sports presenter on BBC News and BBC World

Sonja McLaughlan is one of broadcasting's most established reporters and presenters with over 20 years experience in the dynamic and fast paced world of live television and radio. She began her career at the BBC in 1988, after beating 3,000 applicants to win one of just 20 places on a coveted training scheme.

Keen to embrace a challenge, she became the first woman to produce BBC Radio's rugby union output, and has since made her name as one of the main faces of their television coverage of the sport. She never shies away from asking hard hitting questions and has built a reputation as one of the industry's best interviewers.

During her career Sonja has never missed an Olympic Games, reporting from Atlanta, Sydney, Athens and Beijing. In 2002, Sonja became the first dedicated athletics reporter for Radio 5 Live and is also a sports presenter on BBC News and BBC World.

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