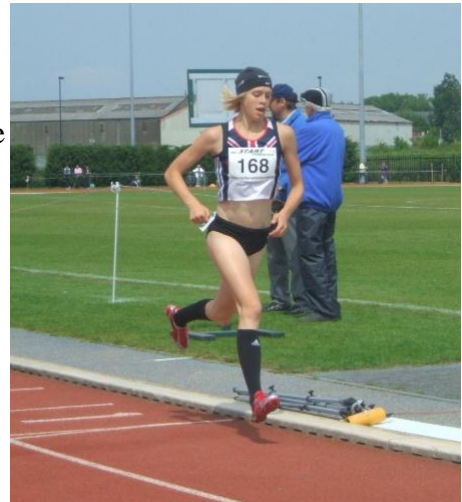


## Under 17 Championships Day 1 Report



Double Gold on Day 1 of the Northern U15/U17 Track and Field Championships. It was a double for Tyne- Tyne Breen took the U17 Women's discus and shot- and for Ashley- Ashley Wren the England U15 pentathlon silver medallist showed his versatility taking the long jump title with a best of 6.07m and the 200m title in 22.93.

Shaunna Thompson Successfully defended her Northern U17 100m title in 11.70, inside the Commonwealth Youth Games qualifying guidelines of 11.85 and also meeting the World Junior qualifying standard. She is favourite to take gold in the 200m on Day 2.



Laura Park, who had such a successful cross country season, claimed a gun-to-tape victory in the U17 Women's 3000m in a new CBP of 9:41.12.

Oliver Aspden denied Ashley Wren a third gold in the U15 boys, 80m Hurdles final taking the title in 11.64.

Kate Avery ran a tactically astute race in the women's 1500m, crossing the line in 4:29.60- another CBP bettering the mark of 4:30.90 set in 1985 by Manchester Harriers' Clare Keller.

Tim Parkin as expected won the U17 men's pole vault with 4.30m- a new stadium record.

Kayleigh Mills, having switched from javelin to hammer this season, showed she is very much at home in this event taking gold with 43.22m.

There were also two very good performances in the U17m triple jump with James Hardy taking gold with a best of 14.11m from James Davies 14.08m.

In the final of the U5 boys 400m Sam Dykes claimed the title with an equal CBP of 52.73

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