

Five new CBP on Day 2 of Senior & Under 20 Indoor Champs

A Cutt above the rest – of 5 new CBPs set on Day 2 of the championships to equal the total of 12 set in 2008, it was the performance of **Luke Cutts** (Dearnside High) in the senior men's pole-vault that brought the crowd at the EIS to their feet. He came into the competition in great form having cleared 5.50m in December to set a new lifetime best. He warmed up with a modest 5.00m. The bar was then immediately moved up to 5.30m a new CBP height. Cutts sailed over at his first attempt and then reset the bar at 5.62m – above the 'B' standard for the World Championships and just below the height required for the European indoors. He cleared this at the first attempt to set a new lifetime best and a CBP 42cm above the previous best mark. The clearance puts him top of the 2009 indoor rankings above Steve Lewis who cleared 5.60m in Moscow in January and moves him into 3rd on the UKAT indoor list. The bar was then raised to 5.76m and two of his three attempts saw him fail narrowly.

In the senior women's shot **Jessica Ennis** (City of Sheffield) was beaten into second place by training partner **Amy Hill** (City of Sheffield). Hills' 14.53m was not only a CBP mark but also a lifetime best. Jessica Ennis will be pleased with her 13.50m – an indoor best and just shy of her absolute best of 13.52m.

In the U20M triple jump **Mike Ehlen** (Sale H) was not only the defending champion but also holder of the CBP. He finished 2nd and saw his title and CBP taken by **Josh Bones** (Scunthorpe & D AC) whose 14.02m was a huge improvement on his previous best of 13.18m.

There was a fine run from **Robbie Schofield** (NEB) in the U20M 800m. Once he took the lead with about 400m to go the result was never in doubt, just a question of how fast he would run. He stopped the clock at 1.53.23 to win by over 5 seconds, bettering the CBP of 1.55.48 by Kieran Flannery in 2006.

There was another majestic performance from **Shaunna Thompson** (Sale H) to take U20W 200m gold in a CBP time of 24.18 to complete the sprint double.



Other notable performances came in the senior women's 200m where with a fine solo run **Hayley Jones** (Wigan H) confirmed her return from injury adding 200m gold to 60m gold. **Leigh Lennon** (NEB) completed the successful defence of her 400m and 800m titles winning the latter with a convincing piece of front running. In the senior women's 1500m **Helen Singleton** (Wakefield & D H AC) took the gold to add to 3000m gold from Day 1. In the last track final **Phil Taylor** (Liverpool P & S) was alongside **Richard Strachan** (Trafford AC) as they moved into the top bend. Strachan however, the defending champion, pulled up suddenly leaving Phil Taylor clear to win in 21.60 a new absolute lifetime best. In the U20W shot **Yasmin Spencer** (Chesterfield & D AC) took the title with a new

absolute lifetime best of 13.12m. [Results](#)

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