

Northern Athletics Indoor Champs Day 2 Report 22 January 2011

The domino effect continued on Day 2 of the Northern Championships. The crowd had barely time to settle into their seats before the first CBP of the day was set in the first track event, the men's 3000m. Early on in the race it was clear that gold and silver would be decided by the battle between Jonathan Taylor (Morpeth H), who had set CBPs in the event in 2008 and 2010, and the GB cross-country international Ryan McLeod (Tipton Harriers). In typical style Taylor set an early fast pace and McLeod was the only other one in a field of 13 who was able to go with him. With just under 400 metres to go McLeod made the decisive move and Taylor could not respond. McLeod just failed to dip below 8.00.00 as he crossed the line in 8.01.10 to take 9 seconds from the previous CBP. Taylor himself crossed the line 5 seconds inside his 2010 CBP.



Adam Hague (The Dearne ALC) came into the U15B pole-vault in very good form having set a

new PB of 3.80m at the Northern indoor open meeting in November at the EIS. It was obvious from the outset therefore that the CBP of 3.30m was under threat. Hague did not disappoint, first clearing 3.40m and rounding off the competition with a clearance at 3.90m, a PB that takes him to 5th on the UKAT U15B indoor rankings. Later on in the day Kelly Hilton (Wigan H) wasted no time in erasing the 2003 triple-jump CBP from the record books. In the very first round she jumped 12.79m to eclipse the 12.56m of Ruth Irving and claim her 4th consecutive Northern Indoor title.



The defending Northern U20M 200m champion, Liam Clowes (Crewe and Nantwich), took his second title in 21.69 inside Richard Kilty's CBP from 2007 of 21.70. However, Clowes had already eclipsed that mark when he dominated the field in his semi-final – the rest were left trailing in his wake as he crossed the line in 21.58.

Whist he did not better any CBPs Leon Greenwood (Spenborough & D) had a fine championship, taking gold in the U15B high-jump, 60m and 200m setting new PBs in all three events. Helen Singleton (Wakefield & D) followed up victory in the women's 1500m on Day 1 with victory in the 3000m on the Sunday. The U15G 60m and 200m saw Kristie Edwards (City of Sheffield) take gold in both events. And the Championships were brought to a close by the men's 200m in which the former champion and CBP record-holder Allyn Condon (Sale H), on his return to the track, finished 2nd behind Rick Beardsell (Trafford AC). [Full Results](#)

Photos Kelly Hilton, Liam Clowes above below Ryan McCloud

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