

Costello Stadium Hull played host for the first time to the Start Fitness Northern Athletics 2012 Under 20/17/15 Championships. After the dreadful weather in the days leading up to the championship the event was blessed with sunshine over the two days which resulted in nine new CBPs and a very successful championship.

Day 1

We had six new CBP's on the opening day and one inaugural CBP in the new event of the under 15 boys 300m.

George Davies of City of York AC threw a massive 58.36m in the under 15 boys javelin to win by over 20 meters and break the previous CBP of 55.96 set by David Parker in 1994. A second javelin CBP went in the under 17 womens event when **Natasha Wilson** of Carlisle Aspatria threw 45.79m and broke the 1983 CBP of 44.60m set by J Fraser. Sale Harrier **Kevin Metzger** set a new CBP in the under 15s boys triple jump, his jump of 13.39m erased the 1997 performance of 12.87 set by Chris Dack. **Thomas Somers** City of York AC ran 20.75 in under 17 mens 200m beating the old CBP set by Gerald Phirie in 2004 by almost a full second. Carlisle Aspatria's **Chelsea Nugent** was the second athlete from that club to set a new CBP when she took the under 15s girls 800m in 2.12.67 and in doing so broke one of the oldest CBP's of 2.14.00 set in 1977 by Louise Parker. The final CBP on day one was set in the inaugural under 15 boys 300m, **Ashley Sandall** of Nene Valley CBP of 36.81 was set while winning his heat, he won the final in 37.21 by over a second from a strong field which saw the first four athletes go below 39 seconds.

Double winner

Matthew Miller an under 15 from Dearne picked up a same day double winning the long jump then followed later in the day by winning the 100m

City of Sheffield picked up a couple of gold medals in the field through **Katie Brown** in the under 15 girls high jump and Sam Lancaster in the under 15 boys hammer. Host club Kingston upon Hull picked up a gold medal in the under 20 mens shot when **Anthony Norfolk** threw 14.57.

Other notable track performances on day one came from **Jai Vernon-McGuigan** of Liverpool Pembroke Sefton who led from gun to tape in a solo run and was rewarded with a time of 15.06.09. **Joe Lancaster** of City of Sheffield had an epic clash with Derby's **Dominic Chambers** in the under 17 mens 800m which saw Lancaster record 1.59.14 to Chambers 1.59.53. Kingston upon Hulls **Titesu Akereodolu** was impressive in winning the under 15 boys 80m hurdles.



Day 2

We had three new CBP's on day 2 starting off with Wirral's **James Taylor** in the under 15 boy's 1500m, a race he led from gun to tape and was a comfortable winner in a time of 4.10.11 breaking the 2004 mark of 4.10.96 set by Stockport's Ross Millington. The second CBP of day 2 came from **Ahtollah Rose** of Sale in the under 20 womens triple jump. Her winning effort of 12.48m was enough to remove Melissa Carr's 2008 CBP of 12.21m. **Jethro McGraw** of Amber Valley was another gun to tape victor in the under 15 boys 800m and was rewarded with a new CBP of 1.59.88 for his efforts. This removed the 2.01.62 set by Ketan Desai of Morpeth in 1997

Double winners

Kingston upon Hull's **Kate Pattison** completed a discus double winning the under 17 title on day 1 then returning to pick up the under 20 title on day 2; an outstanding achievement by this promising thrower. Two athletes did a middle distance double; first was

Hannah Tarver of Wirral AC after taking the 1500m on day 1, she added the under 20 womens 800m to her collection. Later in the afternoon **Abbie Hetherington** Carlisle Aspatria, who was a clear winner in the under 17 women's 1500m on the previous day, picked up her second title in the 800m in 2.10.00 narrowly missing out on the CBP of 2.09.00 set by Louise Parker which has stood since 1979. City of Sheffield's **Kristie Edwards** completed a sprint double adding the under17 200m title to the 100m won the previous day.

Leeds City had a couple of busy athletes in **Elliot Hurley** and **Jacob Fincham-Dukes** both under 17s. **Hurley** won gold in the long jump and 100m and collected the silver in 200m, while **Fincham-Dukes** done a hurdles double 100/400m (notable as it was his debut in the event) and picked up the silver in the long jump. Another sprint double went to Yorkshire when City of Sheffield's **Eleanor Rawson** who completed 100/200m under 15s in 12.61 and 26.17



The closest finish of the day came in the under 20 womens 100m in which Sale's **Olivia Callaghan** 10.48 just beat City of Sheffield's **Abigail Bishell** 10.49 by the narrowest of margins. The under 15 girls 1500m was a battle of wits as eventual winner **Rosie Johnson** of Liverpool Pembroke Sefton tracked pacemaker, Warrington's **Harriet Knowles-Jones** until the last 150m when she made her move taking Middlesbrough's **Phillippa Stone** with her. A tremendous charge down the finishing straight by the three athletes was not resolved until the final 20m when Johnson managed to put daylight between herself and the chasing pair.

[Results](#)

Photos above left Ahtolla Rose, right James Taylor

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Jethro McGraw

