



Jack McShane produced a superb performance on his international debut when he finished top Englishman in the Under-17 decathlon at the Home Countries Combined Events international at Stoke.

The Corby AC youngster got his campaign off to a fine start when he smashed his best over 100m. His time of 11.95 gave him fifth place as AAA champion Dave Guest (Wales) ran 11.20 to lead the field.

In the next event – the long jump – Jack hauled himself up to fourth when he added 24cms to his best with a fine leap of 6.37m. A solid effort of 13.55m in the shot putt moved him into second place behind Guest (12.59m) but despite a new outdoor best of 1.81m in the high jump he slipped

back to third behind Northern Ireland's Ben Reynolds (1.93m) with Guest clearing 1.90m to maintain his lead.

The positions remained the same at the end of the opening day with McShane clocking 56.54 in the last event – the 400m.

The first event on the second day – the 100m hurdles – saw McShane maintain his position with a new lifetime best of 14.34 and with solid performances of 38.07m (discus), 3.65m (pole vault) and 48.55m (javelin) he was still in third place going into the final discipline – the 1500m – 102 points behind Reynolds but well behind Guest.

McShane raised his game to clock 4.59.98 and overtook the Irishman to finish a splendid second with his points total of 6234 adding 319 to his former best while Reynolds scored 6180 for third and Guest achieved a fantastic 6860 but was denied a UK best by the following wind in the 100m.