

AAA Under-15 and Under-17 Championships
8th/9th August 2009



Charlotte Bowling just missed out on winning her second national medal of the season when she finished an excellent fourth in the AAA Under-15 and Under-17 Championships at Bedford. The Corby AC athlete qualified for the final of the Under-17 Women's 300m hurdles with a 45.13 clocking for third in her heat behind Sale Harrier Manchester's Alisha Casement (44.48) and the holder, Megan Rogers of Wrexham, who won with 43.56.

Bowling, the current schools international champion, recorded her second fastest time ever from lane eight in the final when she came home in 43.77 – only a couple of strides behind Casement (43.67) and the reigning English Schools champion Laura Burke (Windsor, Slough, Eton & Hounslow) who took the silver with 43.61

as Rogers retained her title in 43.19. Charlotte was pleased with her run despite clipping the seventh hurdle – a slight error that could have cost her a medal.



In the corresponding boys' age group Sam Baker entered the pole vault competition with a third time clearance at 3.40m before going on to scale 3.60m at the second time of asking. He then attempted a new lifetime best of 3.80m which he superbly cleared first time to add 9cms to his previous best.

Unfortunately he then failed at 3.90m

and ended up in eighth place as Team Southampton's Richard Humby won on countback from Victoria Park Glasgow's Jax Thoirs after both cleared 4.30m.

Also in action for Corby in the same age group was hammer thrower Sam Foster whose opening round throw of 48.72m gave him 12th place in the contest which was won on 63.16m by Shaftesbury Barnet's Andrew Elkins. In the U15 age group was Corby's Scott Kendall who came seventh in the javelin and eighth in the discus. In the former he threw 45.83m in the fourth round as City of Norwich's Oliver Bradfield added the title to the one he took at the English Schools with a throw of 52.53m. In the discus, won by the Isle of Wight's Nicholas Perry with 43.77m, his best effort of 33.03m came in the fifth round.

In the corresponding girls' age group Corby's triple Midland champion Lucy Hatton, still hampered by a foot injury, recorded 12.02 to qualify for the semis of the 75m hurdles but due to the problem was unable to take her place in the line up.