

England Under-17 & Under-15 Multi Events Indoor Championships

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Scott Kendall produced his best performance to date when he finished a superb fifth in the England Under-17 & Under-15 Multi Events Indoor Championships at Sheffield.

The Corby AC youngster amassed a new lifetime best of 2331 in the Under-15 Boys pentathlon which also landed him the Midland title. He got his campaign off to a solid start with a clocking of 9.82 to hold down fourth in the opening discipline – the 60m hurdles. He then followed that with a massive increase on his best when he leapt 5.61m in the final round of the long jump but a 1.38m high jump clearance saw him slip back before he bounced back with the longest throw of the contest with 11.62m in the shot for yet another new best. He ended the competition with his fastest ever 800m clocking of 2.26.51.

Croydon Harrier Jacob Paul took the title with 2932 from Ireland's Eric Stam (2676) and Arbroath's Callum Edwards (2533).

Gaby Bangay – one of five Corby AC multi-eventers in action – also finished fifth when totalling her best ever score of 3173 for the Under-17 pentathlon, which also bagged her the Midland title.

She clocked a solid 9.22 in the 60m hurdles before clearing 1.51m in the high jump and putting 9.39m in the second round of the shot – both of which were advancements on her former bests. She then rounded off her campaign with a long jump of 4.80m and another best of 2.31.01 over 800m.

The winner was Katy Marchant (Leeds City) with 3444 from Basingstoke's Becky Curtis-Harris (3394) and Ayr Seaforth's Rachel Whittle (3363).

In the Under-15 Girls pentathlon Lucy Hatton also went beyond her former best when she came an excellent sixth with 2866 points for Midland bronze. She opened with 9.65 over the 60m hurdles before leaping 4.75m in the long jump. She then turned on the style to putt a new best of 8.78m in the shot and add 4cms to her lifetime best with a first time clearance of 1.54m in the high jump. She then rounded off a superb day with a 800m clocking of 2.48.53.

Fellow Corby team mate Emma MacFarlane was also in action and on her debut in the event she came 21st with 2375 points thanks to efforts of 10.63, 4.12m, 6.60m, 1.39m and a run of 2.35.23 over 800m.

Thurrock's Hayley McLean won with 3135 from Griffnock's Nikki Mason (3085) with Basingstoke's Tanisha Clayton taking the bronze on 3062.

Sam Baker was Corby's final athlete competing and like all the others he achieved a new best score when he registered 3347 for 13th place in the Under-17 heptathlon. That effort landed him the Midland silver with his highlight coming when he added 11cms to his best with an excellent first time clearance of 3.21m in the pole vault. Prior to that he recorded marks of 8.06 for the 60m, a long jump of 5.38m, a shot putt of 9.67m, a 1.50m high jump clearance and a 60m hurdles clocking of 9.49. To end his competition he recorded 3.24.63 over 1000m.

Joseph Hutchinson of Bath lifted the title with 4560 to outpoint Milton Keynes' Harry Dalton (4472) with third going to Glasgow's Andrew McFarlane (4420).