

AAA Multi-Events Championships

Stoke

9th & 10th June 2007

Andrew Laurence and Katy-Louise Payne both made a huge impact in their first year in the Junior ranks when they turned in excellent performances in the AAA Multi-events Championships at Stoke.



Laurence produced a superb opening day in his decathlon event with all five of his disciplines being new career bests. He opened with a run of 11.73 in the 100m which was followed by marks of 6.56m in the long jump, a putt of 12.66m in the shot, a clearance of 1.86m in the high jump and ended with a splendid effort of 50.94 (the second fastest of the day) in the 400m.

Those performances held down fourth position at the close of day but sadly he failed to produce the same impact on the second day. His opening event – the 110m hurdles – saw him clock 16.95 and was followed by a discus throw of 35.14m, a height of 3.35m in the pole vault, 44.25m in the javelin and a run of 4.47.54 over 1500m. He ended with a points

total of 6273 for sixth position which placed him seventh on the UK season's ranking list. Joe Lancaster (Sale Harriers Manchester) lifted the title with 6639 from Basingstoke's Robert Kite (6595) and Vale of Aylesbury's Matthew George (6504).

Payne opened her account in the heptathlon with a new personal best of 15.49 in the 100m hurdles and followed this with a new best of 1.59m in the high jump, a putt of 8.57m in the shot and another career best of 27.58 over 200m to end the day in seventh place.

On the second day she maintained seventh spot with an overall points score of 4317 with her individual events being 5.08m for the long jump, a javelin throw of 26.94m and a run of 2.27.82 in the 800m.

Leeds City's Jenny Lumley secured the title with 5105 from her club colleague Hannah Francis-Smithson (5067) and Pendle AC's Eleanor Markendale (4855).

