

**Bislett Games**  
**Will Sharman**  
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William Sharman clocked the second fastest time by a Briton this season at Friday's Bislett Games in Oslo. The Corby AC 110m hurdler got a slot in the B event in what is rated one of the world's most prestigious meetings which forms part of the IAAF Golden League series.

Sharman, whose race was run with a legal following wind of +1.1ms, was the slowest out of the blocks. However, he quickly got into his stride and finished a superb third in 13.68. Ahead of him Japan's Masato Naito just got the nod from American Robby Hughes (13.59) when he won the race in 13.58. After the event, Sharman said: 'I was really pleased with my run despite a technical change in which I switched from seven to eight strides to the first hurdle, that's why I was slow out of the blocks, but once I got into my flow I was reeling in the leaders.'

The jubilant 22-year-old Loughborough University student went on to say: 'The meeting was awesome and to bump into athletes like Asafa Powell (the world 100m record holder, who won that event in Oslo in 9.94) at the hotel made you a little starstruck.'

William's time at Oslo was the ninth fastest on the night with Britain's number one Andy Turner the fifth fastest on 13.56. Unfortunately for Sharman, who is coached by Corby AC club coach John Anderson, the top eight were awarded prize money with him just missing out by the slender margin of three hundredths of a second on a \$1,000 (with the winner getting \$16,000).

On a brighter note he gets another chance at the end of the month when he competes in Lucerne, Switzerland in a European outdoor Premium meeting with a similar payment system in operation.