

British Athletic League

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Corby international William Sharman clocked a season's best when he competed for his first claim club, Belgrave Harriers, in the second round of the British Athletic League. The Premiership Division match at Manchester SportsCity saw Sharman clock 13.76 to finish runner-up to Woodford Green's Richard Alleyne (13.71) in the 110m hurdles. He also competed on the opening leg of the sprint relay to help his club to sixth place in 42.39.

Sharman, who said his run was heading in the right direction, was less pleased with his run a few days later in the Primo Nebiolo Memorial Meeting in Turin, Italy. He finished in third place in 13.94 although he was running into a slight headwind. Cuban Yoel Hernandez just squeezed out American Robby Hughes by one hundredth of a second to win in 13.79.



Other Corby athletes in action at Manchester were Matt Bell and Mark Allen. The former – competing for Birchfield Harriers – produced a fifth round throw of 60.38m to finish sixth in the hammer contest won on 69.46m by Woodford Green's Andy Frost with Belgrave's Mick Jones edging out Simon Bown by 1cm to take the runner-up spot with 66.44m.

Allen (Belgrave) picked up seventh place with 49.94m in the B event but performed better to take third in the shot.

He produced a consistent series with his effort of 16.41m – a season's best – coming in the fifth round. Ahead of him Manchester's Kieran Kelly won with 17.41m from Sheffield's Jamie Williamson (16.95m). Allen also competed in the discus and his best throw of 46.80m slotted him into third place in the B event.