

England Athletics Championships

Bedford International Stadium - 20th-21st August 2011

Jenny Nesbitt of Worcester AC continued her outstanding season at the National Championships on Saturday 20th to finish 3rd in the 1500m. In her first appearance at Bedford, home track of Paula Radcliffe, Jenny followed the early pace set by Abbie Hetherington (Carlisle Aspatria) and Jessica Judd (Chelmsford AC). With 1 ½ laps to go, Jess Judd, the UK's fastest ever Under 17 1500m runner, upped the pace, with only Abbie and Jenny able to stay with it. As Judd opened a lead it was left to Jenny to fight it out for 2nd and 3rd, with Jenny holding on for a well deserved medal as Hetherington pulled away over the closing 200m. This adds to Jenny's 4th place in the English Schools Championships, and wins in the Midland Counties Championships and the Mason Trophy (Inter County Schools) matches.

In the Under 17 ladies 100m, 15 year old Zoe Styles, also of Worcester AC, was 5th in the semi-final, missing out on the final by one place. This was also Zoe's first time at the national championships, which will stand her in good stead for 2012 when she will be at the top end of her age group and aiming for a place in the final. Having won Bronze medals at the Midland Championships in both 100m and 200m, as well as representing Hereford and Worcester Schools at 200m at the English Schools Championships, the Evesham based sprinter has had a very successful 2011 season.