

Boston and District Athletic Club youngsters distinguish themselves at the 2011 U.K. Sportshall Athletics Finals at Birmingham's N.E.C. on Sunday. Representing the East Midlands region Maria Hollingsworth and Oliver Smith produced some splendid performances in the United Kingdom Under 15 All Rounder Championships in what was effectively their final Sportshall Athletics competition. Leading teams and individuals from across the U.K. gathered in Birmingham to contest national honours in the flagship athletics development event of the year. Previous winners of the Sportshall All Rounder Championship have included Mark Lewis-Francis and Kelly Sotherton who went on to distinguish themselves on the international athletics stage. Maria really excelled in the Two Lap Race running strongly from the gun making some good turns on the reversaboards and stormed over the finish line to claim the Silver medal. On the winners podium Maria received her national Silver medal from Louise Hazel who was a Commonwealth Gold medallist in Delhi. She also scored a high number of points in the Vertical Jump when her best effort measured 58cm. and gave her a very good fifth place. In her third event the Shot Putt Maria produced another good performance with the best of her trials with the 4K implement measured at 8.00m. Oliver also produced an excellent performance in the Under 15 Boys Two Lap event attacking the reversaboards and finishing a very close second in his heat. His Speed Bounce result of 83 showed a remarkable improvement on previous performances this year as like Maria, he revelled in the challenge of the competition provided at the .National Final. In the Standing Long Jump Oliver cleared 2.55m. to complete a trio of fine performances at the N.E.C.