

StatPack 2008 – Club all-time ranking lists as at 31st December 2007

Introduction

Hello and a warm welcome to StatPack Mark 9. This edition updates the version covering the period up to 31 December 2006 to include the 2007 indoor and outdoor seasons. It records the club's all-time ranking lists at the end of 2007, as the 2008 indoor season gets under way

The StatPack has grown and grown since Simon Kilminster compiled the first edition well over 10 years ago. More details and performances from earlier years continue to surface (and hopefully may still continue to do so) but as in recent years almost all the changes added this year come from performances from the current bunch of talented athletes who have continually rewritten these rankings almost as soon as they can be produced!

Individual club records continued to fall in 2007 with the achievements of two athletes being to the fore – Nicola Hill and Kike Oniwinde both of whom won both English Schools and England Athletics titles at their events. Nicola Hill made mincemeat of the previous Under 17 Women's 300m hurdles record, which she eventually improved from 45.1s down to 43.70s while Kike similarly decimated the previous Under 15 Girls' and Under 17 Women's javelin records ending with a new record of 38.16m, adding almost eight and six metres respectively to these marks. Another Under 17 women's record to fall was in the pole vault where Angela James in her first season at the event finished with 2.55m which was also an Under 20 record and second highest by any club female athlete. Debbie Knight added an Under 13 Girls' Javelin record, smashing the old record of 19.90m with her 26.31m best.

Once again there was not so much to cheer about on the men's side with just two new records during 2007. The first came from newcomer Lawrence Goodacre who set an impressive Under 15 Boys' shot record of 14.96m. The prolific Bonne Buwembo improved his own Under 20 men's javelin mark, and came close to adding the senior mark as well – but it's disappointing to note again that there have been no improvements to senior men's records now for three full seasons – since July 2004 in fact.

As in recent editions the rankings include only performances for athletes who met the age definitions now in use – this means that a few long-standing under 17 boys' marks no longer qualified as the athlete in question was too old under the current age groups. This happened because before 1964 an athlete's age group was calculated as at 1 April prior to the start of the track season not as at 31 August, and also the statisticians used a 31 December cut off until 1970. I have included any changes that I have been able to find but it does not mean that any marks for that athlete the previous season have been missed.

As usual, some observations on the contents, as follows.

- Any new listings since StatPack 2007 are all printed in **"BOLD"** to make them more noticeable — those in **2007** are highlighted in **RED** while those from **2006** are in **BLUE**.
- Where an athlete's best hand time is marginally better than their best electronic times I've included the electronic times as well.
- As with recent StatPacks I've listed wind-assisted marks separately. Debate will continue about whether some marks were or weren't wind assisted – but where there is firm or good evidence of wind assistance (e.g. if the annual national rankings show it) I have listed marks as windy. Some other marks have come to light that are still unverified and I have included these here on that basis.

