



National success for Super Mario

The weekend of 23-24th February saw Mario Dobrescu in action at the England Athletics Indoor Age-group Championships.

He opted for the longest of the sprint events and competed in the U17M 400m.

Easing through Saturday's heat, he set himself up for Sunday's final which proved to be an exhibition in both speed and endurance of the highest order. Going through the bell comfortably in 23.4, he turned up the intensity and separated himself from the chasing pack down the backstraight of the second and final 200m lap. Coming into the homestraight he was urged on by his coaches to make a final push for the line in order to have a chance at the sub49 time that he himself had predicted before the race. Great composure and maintenance of form saw Mario win the Gold medal with a new absolute personal best (Indoors or Outdoors) of 48.91.

Such was the quality of Mario's performance that his time would have won the U20 Men's event also.

This performance put an exclamation mark on a successful Indoor campaign and sets him up well for the upcoming Outdoor season.