

2018 HAMMER SEASON

Commonwealth Games	1 Nick Miller ENG 80.26 UKR 3 Mark Dry SCO 73.12 5 Taylor Campbell ENG 72.03 6 Dempsey McGuigan NIR 70.24 7 Osian Jones WAL 70.14 10 Chris Bennett SCO 65.22	6 Carys Parry WAL 61.58 nm Sophie Hitchon ENG
World Junior Champs	1 Jake Norris 80.65 (76.95q) 8 Bayley Campbell 71.28 (69.75q)	16 Katie Head 56.97q
European Championships	10 Nick Miller 73.16 (73.79q) 24 Chris Bennett 70.57q	8 Sophie Hitchon 70.52 (68.69q)
World Cup	2 Nick Miller 76.14	2 Sophie Hitchon 73.48

Major domestic senior meetings

UK/British Champs	Nick Miller 75.33 Chris Bennett 73.29 Mark Dry 71.40	Sophie Hitchon 72.02 Jessica Mayho 62.51 Rebecca Keating 61.13
Northern Midlands	Michael Bomba 63.38 Craig Murch 70.12	Jess Mayho 61.27 Annabelle Palmer 59.60
South	Callum Brown 67.04	Kayleigh Presswell 60.67
Scottish	Chris Bennett 70.75	Jessica Mayho 62.34
Welsh	Osian Jones 71.08	Christina Jones 60.91
Northern Ireland	Andy Frost 60.42	Hayley Murray 57.96
CAU/English/AAA	Craig Murch 66.86	Lucy Marshall 59.64
BUCS	Taylor Campbell 68.28	Jordana Bradley-Castello CAN 60.64
Loughborough Int'l	Mark Dry 72.35	Pippa Wingate 61.88
LEAP	Denzel Comenentia NED 72.14	Lucy Marshall 60.91
Schools Games	Shaun Kerry 68.31	Charlotte Payne 62.79

Age Groups

Eng U23	Jac Palmer 67.29	Michaela Walsh IRE 64.22/ Rebecca Keating 60.38
Eng U20	Jake Norris 80.45 UKJR	Katie Head 57.96
Eng U17	Kenneth Ikeji 69.94	Phoebe Baggott 60.30
Eng U15	Jack Halpin 52.72	Lara Moffat 53.14
Eng Schools		
Seniors	Oliver Hewitt 62.85	Olivia Stevenson 56.47
Inters	Sam Gaskell 68.75	Charlotte Payne 61.77
Juniors	Ben Ixer 50.40	Lily Murray 50.74

BMAF MASTERS CHAMPIONS 2018

MEN

M35	Terry Macdowell 11.15
M40	Simon Achurch 43.51
M45	Graham Holder 51.32
M50	John Pearson 58.44
M55	Andy Hall 40.89
M60	Eugene Lawlor IRE 45.44
M65	John Wild 36.49
M70	Barry Hawksworth 43.34
M75	Bill Gentleman 33.69
M80	Warwick Dixon 29.62
M85	Michael McGarry IRE 23.08

WOMEN

W35	Melanie Lee 32.54
W40	Leah Weatheritt 41.41
W45	Clare Taylor 31.24
W50	Janet Smith 43.77
W55	Marion Loveridge 36.65
W60	Jenny Ibbitson 31.40
W65	Vilma Thompson 24.75
W70	Anthea Branford 19.76
W75	Cynthia Fisher 16.68

WORLD MASTERS

Gold: Evaun Williams W80, Silver Guy Dirkin M65, Bronze Janet Smith W50, Patricia Hill W75

World and European Rankings based on marks and rankings

Age Group	Athlete	European	World	World rankings
SM	Nick Miller	3	3	6
	Chris Bennett	25	32	36
	Joe Ellis	37	52	64
	Jake Norris	40	59	56
	Mark Dry	41	61	47
	Taylor Campbell	47	75	59
	Osian Jones	52	84	79
	Craig Murch	62	99	89
	Callum Brown	77	124	131
	Jac Palmer	90	145	105
SW	Sophie Hitchon	6	12	13
	Becky Keating	76	131	126
	Jess Mayho	91	160	109
	Pippa Wingate	95	169	141
	Christina Jones	111	200	144
U23M (Euro only)	Joe Ellis	5		
	Taylor Campbell	9		
	Jac Palmer	23		
	Ciaran Wright	29		
	Ed Jeans	43		
U23W	Becky Keating	20		
	Amy Herrington	36		
U20M	Jake Norris	2	2	
	Bayley Campbell	10	13	
	Ben Hawkes	17	20	
	Sam Mace	50	79	
	Oliver Hewitt	58	90	
U20W	Katie Head	16	33	
	Alice Barnsdale	17	35	
	Danielle Broom	25	55	
	Amber Simpson	32	66	
	Anna Purchase	34	68	
	Ollie Stevenson	38	75	
Tara Simpson-Sullivan	39	77		
U18M	Kenneth Ikeji	24	28	
	Sam Gaskell	31	36	
	Shaun Kerry	33	39	
U18W	Charlotte Payne	16	21	
	Kirsty Costello	38	47	
	Phoebe Baggott	41	52	

SEASONAL REVIEW

WORLD RANKINGS – MEN

Wojciech Nowicki won the European title comfortably at 80.12 – one of six competitions he had over 80m. Fajdek had five and Nick – famously – one.

Nick's 80.26 as the UK record is a Commonwealth Games record and ranks 2 AT in the Commonwealth. At World ranked 3 on distance Nick is the highest UK place since Malcolm Nokes was 2nd in 1923 and 1926

50th best in the world is 73.90 cf 73.77 in 2017.

- Nick 3 Europe, 3 World
 - Chris 25 Europe, 32 World
 - Joe, 37 Europe, 52 World
 - Jake 40 Europe 59 World
 - Mark 41 Europe, 61 World
 - Taylor 47 Europe, 75 World
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- The UK has ten men in the European top 100, eight in the world top 100
 - In the U23s Joe Ellis is 5th in Europe, Taylor 9th, Jac 23rd and Ciaran 29th
 - In the U20 category, Jake was world ranked 1 with the 7.26kg (73.24) and ranked 2nd in Europe and 2nd in the world with 80.65. Bayley was 10/13 and Ben was 17/20
 - In the U18 (World Youths) category Kenneth is 24th in Europe and 28th in the world, with Sam and Shaun close behind in the 30s.

WORLD RANKINGS - WOMEN

Anita Wlodarczyk has the three best throws of 2018 – but none of 80m and just one over 79. She won the Europeans at 78.94

DeAnna Price beat Anita twice, including at the Continental Cup, with three other USA in the top 10

World tenth best: 2016: 73.09, 2017: 74.40, 2018 74.02 (75.59 2012)

- Sophie is 12th on the world rankings for 2018 on distance and 6th in Europe.
- No other UK in the world top 100, and just four in the European top 100 (eight in 2017).
- In U23s Becky Keating made the European top 20 with 63.87 and Amy Herrington was 36th .
- In the U20 category Katie Head is ranked 33rd in the world (16th in Europe) and there are six other GBR girls in the European top 40 / world top 80
- In the U18 (World Youths) category Charlotte Payne is ranked 16th in Europe (21 World), Kirsty Costello 38th in Europe and Phoebe 41st

UK

SENIOR MEN

Numbers of competitions over 75m (career)

28	Nick Miller – 9 2015, 1 2016, 13 in 2017, 5 2018	3	Mick Jones
		3	Mark Dry – 2 in 2015, 1 2016
7	Dave Smith (born 62)	1	Chris Black
5	Martin Girvan	1	Dave W Smith (born 74)
8	Chris Bennett – 3 2016, 1 2017, 1 2018	1	Robert Weir
3	Matt Mileham	1	Alex Smith in 2012

AT list: Joe 14th, Jake 17th, Osian 24th and Craig 32nd

10th mark at 68.23 and 20th mark at 63.15 are just behind last year's best ever. 25 over 60m close to the record.

Depth remains below 50th falls away a bit this year compared to recent times though

SENIOR WOMEN

Number of career competitions over 70m:

42	Sophie
0	everyone else

Number of career competitions over 69m

59	Sophie
0	Everyone else

Number of competitions over 65m (career):

97	Sophie Hitchon	13	Carys Parry
57	Lorraine Shaw	4	Rachel Hunter
49	Zoe Derham	3	Shaunagh Brown
44	Sarah Holt	1	Susan McKelvie
15	Shirley Webb		

Ten women over 60m in 2018.

All-time progress: Becky 13th, Pippa 21st, Kayleigh 24th, Amy 27th, Annabelle 29th, Katie 30th

Five new 60m throwers (none last year) – but lost Sarah, Myra, Susan and Carys

U23 MEN

Joe Ellis 6th AT, Jac 20th Some depth lost since two years ago

U23 WOMEN

Becky Keating 4th AT and Amy Herrington 14th

U20 MEN

Jake Norris top of the AT list at 80.65, Bayley 6th AT and Ben 9th

Still had seven juniors over 61m this year, with others close up.

U20 WOMEN

Katie Head now 6th AT, Alice Barnsdale 7th, Danielle Broom 14th and Amber Simpson 17th

Not quite top standard in 2017-18 (i.e. none over 60m)

U17 MEN

Kenny 12th, Sam 16th and Shaun 20th all time. Kenny has another year at U17. Good depth at 10th best

U17 GIRLS

Charlotte Payne 2nd AT, Kirsty Costello 7th and Phoebe Baggott 9th

U15 MEN

Not a vintage year. Top mark of Jack Halpin – a fine 56.08 late season – is not troubling the UK AT top 50.

Depth lower down was weaker than some time - just 21 over 40m

U15 GIRLS

Lara Moffat 12th AT, Lily Murray 18th

After many years of rapid progress depth is well down this year

MASTERS

British and World Masters listed

SO – ON TO 2018

- All the club, county, regional, national and age-group championships
- Commonwealth Games
- European Championships
- World Juniors
- European Youths
- Masters Championships

OBITUARY:

Peter Allday – founding member of the HC, Olympian, Commonwealth bronze medallist, set a UK rec at the 1956 Reunion

Suzanne Allday – died 2017. Peter's first wife, also an Olympian, multiple UK record holder with the shot and discus but trained with hammer for a while long before the event was "official" for women
Iain Bain – 3x Scottish champion, UK international, the first AAA junior hammer champion (1951-2) and a Partizan Trophy winner in 1956. Career in printing, publishing and historical researcher

Ron Bowden – all time coaching legend and Woodford Green and HC stalwart

Sergei Litvinov, Olympic champion 1988, 2 x World Champion and former WR holder

John Lawlor, Olympic 4th in 1960, later a businessman and mining geologist