



UK Athletics & McCain offer £40,000 prize pot for Finals day

6th August 2008

After a long hard summer on the athletics circuit the McCain UK Challenge & BMC Nike Grand Prix Final hopefuls are just one event away from their decided fate and a prize fund of £40,000. The support of McCain, UK Athletics' new Premier partner means that athletes can now look forward to a share of the highest ever fund for the domestic series that was launched in 2004.

The final event of the competition series takes place at Thames Valley Athletics Centre, Eton on 9 August and will provide a prelude to the athletics action in Beijing.

Six athletes will be chasing a share of the £5,000 Golden Challenge, needing victory in the Final to secure their prize money. Carl Myerscough (Blackpool & Fylde) sits in pole position with 907 points at the top of the rankings. But in contention will be **Helen Pryer** (Windsor, Slough, Eton and Hounslow), Vicky Griffiths (Liverpool Harriers), Michael Allen (Trafford AC), Steve Green (Newham & Essex) and Luke Cutts (Dearnside High AC).

Challenge Final

9th August 2008

The McCain UK Challenge Golden Challenge prize fund was split 4 ways on this rainy Saturday, with wins from **Helen Pryer**, Vicky Griffiths, Carl Myerscough and Michael Allen, in their respective events, all securing a £1,250 share of the £5,000 pot, enough to bring a smile to any competitor on such a gloomy day.

This year's McCain UK Challenge final was contested under grey skies and relentless rain at the home of Windsor, Slough, Eton and Hounslow, the weather making sure that today was not going to be easy on the track and in the field for competitors.

Tim Abeyie (Woodford Green & Essex Ladies) came past the post first in the men's 200m, and was happy with the 21.08 (+1.0) he record, despite the driving rain. Abeyie commented on the season, but is looking forward to a little rest and recovery for the rest of the summer before the start of the indoor season. **Helen Pryer (Windsor Slough Eton & Hounslow) did what she had to do to win the women's 200m, and was happy with a new stadium record of 23.67, and is also looking forward to month of after a long, but successful season.**