



***European Under 18 Championships, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia
Thursday 18th & Sunday 21st July 2024***

Joel Ajayi justified his selection for the Great Britain Under 18 team when he won 100m bronze in the European Under 18 Championships in Slovakia on Friday.

Joel, the English Schools' 100m champion at Birmingham a few days earlier, started his European campaign with a comfortable heat win on Thursday morning with a 10.61s victory on his international debut and later that evening qualified for the final with a 10.56s finish in his semi-final placing second behind Germany's Jakob Kemminer.

A fast start in Friday's night's final saw Joel contesting the lead with his British teammate Joel Masters at midway before the long-striding German Kemminer overhauled both Britons to win gold. Joel Masters won silver while Ajayi held on for a fantastic bronze medal in 10.61s – the first ever medals for the GB Under 18s in this event at these Championships.

