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## Ennis' record weekend

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Jessica Ennis launched her summer in spectacular fashion yesterday by breaking Denise Lewis' British under-23 record for the heptathlon and winning the IAAF combined events international in Desenzano, Italy, with 6,388 points.

For the 21-year-old psychology student at Sheffield, [one of Britain's brightest hopes](#), the score was a personal best and meant that she has already achieved the qualifying standard for next year's Beijing Olympics.

Among the three other personal marks she also notched up was the high jump, where her 1.95m equalled the 25-year-old British record held jointly by Diana Davies and Susan Moncrieff.

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Ennis, who can also compete in the high jump in Beijing, said: "It's been a brilliant weekend. I knew I was in good shape after working really hard throughout the winter but to score almost 6,400 points is amazing."

Ennis's plans this season include the 100m hurdles and long jump at the European under-23 championships in Debrecen, Hungary, in July before taking on the heptathlon at the world championships in Osaka, Japan, at the end of August.

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