

## **NOMINATIONS REQUIRED FOR ANNUAL SPORTS PERFORMERS AND TEAM AWARDS . . .**

Last week the **sportscotland**, Sunday Mail, Scottish Sports Awards 2009 were held at the Glasgow Hilton Hotel with Scotland's British Women's Open Golf Champion Catriona Matthew winning the prestigious **sportscotland** Sports Personality of the Year Award and Owen Coyle, the Burnley Manager collecting the Coach/Manager of the Year accolade

On Sunday 13 December the 56<sup>th</sup> annual BBC Sports Personality of the Year Award event was held and the winner was Ryan Giggs, Manchester United with Jamaican Athlete Usain Bolt winning the Overseas Award..

Locally, our thoughts turn to our annual local Sports Awards organised by Hamilton Sports Council, in partnership with South Lanarkshire Leisure.

### *2009 Categories*

The Sports Council Awards for 2009 will feature the following categories:

- Senior Male Sports Performer of the Year
- Senior Female Sports Performer of the Year
  
- Junior Male Sports Performer of the Year
- Junior Female Sports Performer of the Year
- Junior Team of the Year  
(under 18 years of age as at 1 January 2009)
  
- Veteran Performer of the Year  
(50+ age category as at 1 January 2009)
  
- Team of the Year
  
- Coach of the Year

### *Achievements (Hamilton area)*

The Awards will be based on performances and achievements during 2009, as from 1 January and the local Sports Council would be delighted if Hamilton readers could assist in this annual project by submitting nominations in respect of talented sports performers from within the Hamilton area who have won medals at prestigious Scottish or British Sports Championships or who were selected to represent Scotland in international matches or championships at British, Commonwealth, European or World Championships.

Nominations received will go to Hamilton Sports Council's Awards Selection panel for their consideration in preparation of the annual Hamilton Sports Awards evening to be held in March / April 2010.

Anyone requiring nomination forms or additional information on this project should contact Millar Stoddart, Secretary of South Lanarkshire Sports Councils Forum, c/o South Lanarkshire Leisure at telephone no 01698 476131.

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