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- **1. THE RACE TO 2012,**

**from Philip Barker at the London Olympic Stadium**

London's Olympic Stadium threw open its doors to journalists to mark two years to go to the 2012 Opening Ceremony.

Although the city has hosted the Games twice before, this landmark is a new experience. In both 1908 and 1948, the city had two years to complete the entire job !

For the journalists and television crews who piled into eight minibuses, the view was one of dramatic progress . The MPC and IBC structures are already in place, close to the heart of the Olympic Park , only a good walk away from the Olympic Stadium itself.

Sir Chris Hoy, a triple gold medallist in Beijing became the first to ride at the velodrome , albeit on a specially laid flat track. .There was also a chance to view the fabulous Aquatic centre, designed by award winning architect Zaha Hadid. Up close it is already impressive with the roof, designed in the shape of a wave, likely to become as familiar to television viewers as did the Watercube in Beijing.

Inside the stadium, Gary Lineker presented a BBC Television special to mark the day. It featured 1948 high jump silver medallist Dorothy Odam Tyler and Tommy

Godwin, a double medallist on the cycling track . Both are in their nineties and each a testament to the value of sport .

With a dozen local schoolchildren in his wake Michael Johnson ran down a specially laid track for the television cameras. Predictably, the kids surged ahead to cross the line ahead of him to be welcomed by 2012 Mascot Wenlock.

**Notice: Three photos as attachment, free to use**

- 2. The second **UEPS Executive Committee Meeting** will take place in Dublin from 25-27.10.2010. If you have some questions, topics, matters for the agenda, we would like to inform our Secretary General.
- 3. The **International Forum for New Media and Sports Journalism**, will take place in Rhodes Island, Greece, from 29/9-3/10/2010 with the participation of UEPS. For more informations, please visit [www.Strent.gr](http://www.Strent.gr) where you can find and complete the registration Form

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