

WINNING RETURN

Ilford AC's 2012 Olympian Neringa Aidietyte returned to racing action for the 1st time since her Olympic appearance in August...and won from all (both men & women) in Sunday morning's somewhat early 3,000 metres walk in the London Indoor Games at Lee Valley Arena. Aidietyte was confident throughout to take victory in 13 minutes and 38 seconds with Belgrave Harrier's visiting Australian athlete Stuart Kollmorgen 2nd in 13.45. Kollmargan had effectively challenged Aidietyte in the first half of the race, but couldn't match the Olympian's class when it mattered most. An Ilford member had the honour of completing the frame as Francisco Reis came 3rd in 14.23 after using his experience and nous to thwart 4th placed talented junior walker Jonathan Hobbs (Ashford AC). A word for former Scottish international Stuart Bennett who competed in his first ever indoor race, coming 8th in 16.45. Next Sunday Ilford AC's walkers will be racing in the London Walks Meeting at Victoria Park (2pm) where they're defending their team title.

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