

# Iford girls hang on to Gibson trophy

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**T**HE girls of Iford A.C. had a struggle to retain the Gibson Trophy at Cricklefield Stadium on Saturday—scoring 194 points to Spartan A.C.'s 187. Essex Ladies were third with 127, Selsonia (109) fourth and Middlesex Ladies (107) fifth.

Ideal conditions ensured good performances in all departments. On the track, European Championship 800-metre finalist Joy Jordan, of Spartan, turned in three fine runs.

She won the 440 yards in 57.4 secs., 1.8 secs. slower than the world record; the 880 yards in 2 mins. 17.5 secs.; and ran a great last leg in the 3 x 440 yards relay to give her team maximum points.

Iford's Jill Drury worked hard from the gun when finishing second to Jordan in the 440 in 60.6. June Bruty took the second string race in 61.9.

Sprightly Pam Fry gave Iford more first-string second-place points in the 880 yards, clocking 2.19.4 behind Miss Jordan, while Pat Smith gained a second-string win in 2.21.3—a personal best effort.

## Yvonne's back

She later clocked 59.7 secs. in the 3 x 440 relay.

Yvonne Mattock came back to competition after a long absence with a mile win in 5.47 Phyllis Perkins and the non-scoring Maureen Westney backing her up and returning the same time.

Other wins came from field-event girls Rosemary Morgan (134 ft. 1½ ins. in the 1st string javelin); Margaret Callender (123 ft. 9 ins. in the second-string javelin); and Judy Tweedy, who won the discus by an inch from Selsonia's Brocklehurst with 120 ft. 1 in. and the second-string shot with 34 ft. 7 ins.

Hurdler Ruby Pettit clocked 11.8 secs. when finishing runner up in the 80 m. event and other second places went to Valerie Cutting—11.3 in the first-string 100; Pat Stanley—11.7 and 26.5 in the second string 100 and 220; Doreen Sparrow—12.5 in the second-string hurdles; and Doreen Shelly—105 ft. 10½ ins. with the second-string discus. The 4 x 110 relay team were second in 50.6.

## Chris wins

In the intermediate events Brenda Fletcher returned 17.0 for 150 yards and 11.9 for 100, finishing second in both races.

Chris Surety confirmed his status as Iford's best all-round athlete by winning the Club and Open pentathlon title with 3,007 points, a new Iford best.

His performances were: 100 yds. 10.4; high jump—5ft 4 ins.; javelin—135 ft. 9 ins.; shot—29 ft. 7 ins.; 880 yds.—1.57.6.

P. Yaxley (Cambridge H.) was second with 2,952 points

and English international javelin man R. Davies (Hornchurch H.) third with 2,764.

Ray Radley (2,659) won the Iford silver medal and John Bugden (2,483) the bronze.

The inaugural Iford 6-mile track championship race was won as expected by Alan Perkins, but despite his clear-cut superiority the race provided considerable interest.

Only 23 seconds separated the third to seventh men home.

Fourteen of the 20 starters finished, and the first nine were all inside 33 mins., Perkins clocking 29.40.6.

Terry Collins was second in 30.50.4 and Warren Roe third in 31.27.0, with Tony Mills two seconds away.

Denis Plater followed in 31.41 6.8 secs. ahead of Rex Shuttleworth, and Don Owers was close up with 31.50.