

THIS PACE IS HOT!

Perkins is fourth in floodlit three-miler

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SOME indication of the standard of athletics that can be expected this year was apparent at the Eton Manor floodlit meet last week.



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CONSIDER THESE TIMES BY ILFORD MEN:

- Alan Perkins clocked 13m. 52s., and Dennis Plater 14m. 15.8s. for three miles, but could finish only fourth and sixth.
- Warren Roe returned 3.57 over 1,500 metres, worth a 4.14 mile, and finished seventh.

The three-milers finished third in the team race behind Perkins and Plater, Don Owers clocked 14.47, and a still far from 100 per cent fit Brian Holdstock, a courageous 14.57. Individual winner was Middlesex runner, Frank Seal in 13.39.

Star-studded

Mike Blagrove led home the star-studded 1,500 metres field, winning by two yards from Derek Ibbotson in 3.51.

Venturing over 3,000 metres steeplechase for the second time, Terry Collins clocked 9.24.4 to finish sixth. Ruby Pettit was third in the 80 metres hurdles.

The Ilford half-mile championship at the Cricklefield on Sunday saw Don Powell clock an excellent 1.57.6, when winning by .6 sec. from Dave Searle, who led through the first lap in a fast 56.5.

Don Owers and Harry Goodway also beat two minutes, with 1.59.4 and 1.59.6 respectively, and Peter Saunders and Warren Roe were not far behind, both returning 2.0.8.

Achievement

Another achievement came when David Medcraft won the junior 880; Roy Gill was a second behind.

It was a week of achievement for Brian Steffens. Against V.P.H. he recorded a personal best 880 of 2.06.5; in the club championship heats he took it down to 2.04.5 and returned 2.05.6 in the final.

John Sturley won the senior long jump with 21ft. 2½ins., a championship best performance, with Ron Bugden, 20ft. 8ins., runner-up.

Another meeting best was that by Ray Radley—21ft. 0½ins., which won him the youths' long jump crown. Alan Struh took the junior title with 17ft. 5ins.

Radley was instrumental in Ilford winning the Leach Trophy at Mayesbrook Park, taking the shot putt with 46ft. 7½ins., and the long jump with 19ft. 10½ins.

Ilford's most outstanding junior at Mayesbrook was Roy Francis, runner-up in both the 100 and 220 yards with the good times of 10.5s. and 22.8s. In a mid-week match at Victoria Park, when Ilford beat the home club by 69 points to 52, Francis took the same events with 10.7s. and 23.7s. on a loose track.

Old-style Phyllis

The irrepressible young field event hope, Radley, was also prominent at this meet—this time over 440 yards. He was second in 55.8.

In the Norrkoping Trophy at Chiswick, Phyllis Perkins returned to something like her old form with a fourth place in the half-mile in 2.13.

Margaret Callender was runner-up in the javelin with 138ft. 11ins., and Jackie Nutt fourth in the discus with 105ft. 11 ins.



Dennis Plater—14m. 15.8s. and he was sixth

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Hop, step and jump—1 Turvey (H.H.H.) 44ft., 2 Ashcroft (S.A.) 42ft. 9½ins., 3 Woods (S.E.) 41ft. 3½ins.

Team result—1st Southgate H. 35pts.; Equal second Herne Hill H., Essex Beagles and Polytechnic 26pts.; 5th Ilford A.C. 22pts.; Equal 6th, Southall A.C. and Woodford Green A.C. 18pts.

LEACH TROPHY

100 yds.—1 Minchin (S.A.) 10.6, 2 Sharp (H.H.H.) 10.9, 3 Ence (I.F.) 11.0.

880 yds.—1 Hammersley (E.B.) 2.01.11, 2 Chapman (W.G.) 2.03.2, 3 Emery (E.B.) 2.04.7.

440 yds.—1 Stevenson (W.G.) 53.6, 2 Bishop (I.F.) 53.8, 3 VanStone (S.G.) 54.5.

Shot—1 Radley (I.F.) 46ft. 7½ins., 2 Butt (N.L.H.) 19ft. 6ins., 3 Farley (Poly.) 18ft. 2ins.

Team results—1 Ilford A.S. 21pts.; 2 Southall A.C. 17pts.; 3 Woodford Green A.C. 13pts.; 4 Essex Beagles 10pts.; 5 Southgate Harriers 9pts.; equal 6, Herne Hill Harriers, Polytechnic Harriers 6pts.