

# 5,000 WATCH YOUNG RUNNER TRIUMPH AT COUNTY SPORTS

CATTLE Park, Colchester, site of many tournaments of skill and strength, provided the arena for a young athlete's challenge to tough opposition in the crowning event of the 62nd Essex County Championship meeting on Saturday.

A crowd of 5,000 people saw 22-year-old Ted Baverstock, Essex Beagles, beat Don Hawkins, Southend, in a hurricane finish to the three mile "Atalanta" cup event in 14 minutes 40 seconds.

Baverstock, the Essex cross-country champion, who has beaten Jim Peters, the National marathon title holder, twice in cross-country events this year, is an obvious track stylist and tactician.

In the Atalanta, he used Hawkins and A. F. Perkins, Ilford A.C., to pace him on the 12-lap journey.

His recorded time was excellent; the top-soil of the ground was apparently firm but was in fact heavy and rain-logged underneath. Coupled with this, a changeable wind swept across the course.

Hawkins, a determined and aggressive runner had no answer however to Baverstock's final burst. He seemed fresh and untired as he pulled out on the outside of the track to win by a comfortable six yards.

## HURDLES' RECORD

A. J. Hardy, Woodford Green A.C., lopped a second off the 440 yards hurdles record when he won in 58.2 seconds.

Previously he had taken the honours in the 120 hurdles to complete a creditable double.

While judging the hop, step and jump championship, holder Jack Wilder saw his own record broken by the spectacular performance of George Goodrich, of Ilford A.C.

Goodrich covered 45ft. 7½ins., which smashed the former 1950 record by 7½ inches, and surpassed the Southern standard.

Long jump laurels also went to Goodrich with a leap of 22ft. 3ins., which again bettered the Southern standard.

## DOUBLE SPRINT

Another double was recorded by the Woodford Green sprint star, D. J. Milton, who retained his own title in a near photo finish 100 yards in 10.6secs. and went on to win the 220 yards from J. W. Wood, Beagles, in 23secs. dead.

Veteran Bill Leveridge, Beagles, fought tenaciously to retain his title in the two-mile walk championship, but had to concede to the far younger R. F. Goodall, Woodford Green, the Essex 10-mile and national 20-mile champion.

Goodall, a graceful stylist, completed the course in 14mins. 51.3secs.

The pole vault championship was retained by R. B. Hayden, Ilford A.C., unopposed. A further pointer to the decline in popularity of this event.

In the high jump, D. R. Cox, of Eton Manor, merely tumbled the bar at 6ft. 2ins, but it tipped off hesitantly to spoil what would have been an outstanding achievement.

Cox, however, retained his own title with a 6ft. jump.

## SURPRISE WIN

Cox also had a surprise win in the weight event, his throw of 39ft. 1½ins. easily outdistancing the Southern standard.

The tug-of-war championship was again retained by the Ford Sports Club who have held that honour since 1939.

In the final Blackwater Timbers' S.C. had no answer to the scientific approach of the Ford men and were beaten by two straight pulls.

Freddie Parrat, the Colchester

officials. He was running in the championships 63 years ago.

The presentation of the cup and medals was made by Alderman Miss K. E. Sanders, J.P., Mayor of Colchester.

Credit for the splendid condition of the track went to T. H. Bennett, clerk of the course. Other officials were: Referees, F. G. Andrew, E. G. Daley; chief steward, H. W. Kemp; marksmen, Messrs. E. Knight, E. G. Pearson and Radford; recorders, L. Garner and G. Crow.

## RESULTS

100 yards: 1. D. J. Milton, Woodford Green, 10.6 sec.; 2. A. A. Gosshaw, Woodford Green; 3. R. P. D. Van Rossum, Woodford Green.

220 yards: 1. D. J. Milton, Woodford Green A.C., 23 sec.; 2. J. W. Wood, Essex Beagles; 3. D. J. Hart, Eton Manor A.C.

440 yards: 1. A. Bowler, L.A.C., 52.4 sec.; 2. R. G. Andrews, Essex Beagles; 3. J. W. Tyler, Southend A.C.

880 yards: 1. A. Murray Carter, Essex Beagles, 2 min. 9 sec.; 2. A. W. Wells, Woodford Green A.C.; 3. A. R. Mills, Ilford A.C.

One mile: 1. G. Knights, Essex Beagles, 4 min. 28 sec.; 2. R. F. Leamouth, Essex Beagles; 3. D. J. Corney, Essex Beagles.

Three miles: 1. E. Baverstock, Essex Beagles, 14 min. 40.4 sec.; 2. D. F. Hawkins, Southend A.C.; 3. A. F. Perkins, Ilford A.C.

Two mile walk: 1. R. F. Goodall, Woodford Green A.C., 14 min. 51.3 sec.; 2. W. O. Leveridge, Essex Beagles; 3. L. L. Adams, Essex Beagles.

120 yards hurdles: 1. A. J. Hardy, Woodford Green A.C., 16.9 sec.; 2. A. M. Booth, L.A.C.; 3. J. F. Riley, Woodford Green A.C.

440 yards hurdles: 1. A. J. Hardy, Woodford Green A.C., 58.2 sec. (record); 2. A. Cole, Woodford Green A.C.; 3. D. Kimber, Woodford Green A.C.

One mile Essex schools' relay: 1. Waustead County H.S., 3 min. 51.6 sec.; 2. Romford County Technical School; 3. Felsted School.

## FIELD EVENTS

Long jump: 1. G. D. Goodrich, Ilford A.C., 22 ft. 3 in.; 2. E. R. Rayner, Wadham Harriers; 3. B. Smith, Southend A.C.

High jump: 1. D. R. Cox, Eton Manor, holder, 6 ft. 1 in.; 2. O. R. A. Williams, Ilford A.C.; 3. A. M. Booth, L.A.C.

Pole vault: 1. R. B. Hayden, Ilford A.C., holder; 10 ft. 9 in. (unopposed).

Hop, step, and jump: 1. G. D. Goodrich, Ilford A.C., 45 ft. 7½ in. (new record); 2. B. Smith, Southend A.C.; 3. G. Ratcliff, Southend A.C.

Weight: 1. D. R. Cox, Eton Manor, 39 ft. 1½ in.; 2. D. H. McAlpine, Ilford A.C.; 3. J. Barnetson, Essex Beagles.

Javelin: 1. R. A. C. Davies, unattached, 175 ft. 11 in.; 2. G. Carnell, Cheshamford A.C.; 3. V. Pavenzka, Bata S.C.

Discus: 1. E. Ratcliff, Southend A.C., 115 ft.; 2. F. G. Corner, Polytechnic Harriers; 3. R. B. Hayden, Ilford A.C.

Tug-of-war: Ford S.C. beat Blackwater Timbers' S.C. two pulls to nil.

Half-mile cycle: 1. F. E. Parrott, Colchester Rovers, 1 min. 19.2 sec.; 2. C. Stephens, Southend and County Wheelers; 3. J. W. Harlock, Colchester Rovers.

One mile cycle: 1. F. E. Parrott, Colchester Rovers, 2 min. 51.3 sec.; 2. J. W. Harlock, Colchester Rovers; 3. D. R. Punt, Southend and County Wheelers.

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