

The Enfield Walker 2022

(Newsheet of the Walking Section of Enfield & Haringey AC)

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February



2022 League Tables (top 5) after 2 fixtures

Ladies

1. 135/2 Abigail Jennings (u23)
2. 124/2 Emma Dyos (J45)
3. 102/2 Noel Blatchford (70)
4. 101/2 Amalia Christina Da Silva (55)
5. 93/2 Diana Braverman (70)

Men

1. 139/2 George Wilkinson (u23)
2. 137/2 Dave Annetts (55)
3. 127/2 Dave Walsh (60)
4. 114/2 John Arthur (60)
5. 110/2 John Borgars (M75) ©

Virtual Individual mixed

points awarded as if amalgamated with real league

1. 32/2 Mark Williams (M55)
2. 97/2 Paul Gaston (65)
3. 97/2 Helen Middleton (W55)
4. 91/2 Marco Bernatzki (50)
5. 90/2 Brian Adams (70) ©

Team Table

1. EHAC	450	139 Wilkinson, 127 Walsh, 93 BravermanD, 91 Bishop,
2. Ilford AC'	433	124 Dyos, 114 ArthurJ, 61 Bennett, 57 Lawless, 38 ArthurS, 39 Ainsworth
3. Aldershot FD	271	135 Jennings, 63 Carty, 44 Smith, 23 Billingham
4. Belgrave H	210	101 Da Silva, 50 Hall, 59 Noel
5. Surrey WC	192	72 Reis, 50 Hoben, 37 Flint, 33 Hannell

Thanks to Jon May who is happy to send by email a detailed spreadsheet upon request

Cecil "Stiker" Hyde 5 miles on Saturday 12th March starting at 11am

(Permit No. RWA22010-1)

at Donkey Lane, EN1 3PL

Entries before Thursday 11th March (£8) can be made online at www.erwl-entries.weebly.com or to Ron Wallwork
On the Day Entries (£10) It is of great help to the race organiser to know in advance how large the field is likely to be.

Walkers not wishing to race the full distance are welcome to do shorter distances in multiples of one mile.

VIRTUAL RACE Distances as the real race performed over the weekend of 12th/13th March, and registered with Richard Emsley r.emsley@btopenworld.com before midnight on 13th March stating name, club, time and Centurion No if applicable

Cecil W.Hyde, joined Enfield H to take up cross country running in 1927 and after just a couple of races it was evident that it wasn't the event for him, and just as quickly when he tried race walking it was obvious that that discipline was. In his first season he broke into the headlines beating several top walkers of the day to win the big Empire Cancer Campaign North of the Thames 20 miles qualifying race around Regents Park in 3.01.01.

Favourite for the RWA 'Junior' 10 miles in 1928, in consequence of his numerous Open wins, Hyde by now was familiarly known in the world of walking as 'Sticker'. However, not fully recovered from an attack of flu he was beaten into sixth place. The picture was taken at the

Once over the flu, he never looked back. Within a fortnight he gained a convincing win in the Middlesex 10 miles championships, the first of his five county road successes – leading his club-mates to gain their first team awards.

County titles and Open victories over the following three years were capped by three AAA 7 miles titles – 1928, 29, 30 and the AAA 2 miles in 1930 with a then championship best of 13.56.4. The AAA 2 miles was held at Stamford Bridge on the Friday evening followed by the 7 miles on the Saturday morning, and it was undoubtedly a tremendous feat to win both titles against strong opposition within a matter of 16 hours.

Stiker's record time of 52.21 achieved in the 1931 Club's Open 7 miles was perhaps one of his best performances and stood for nearly 30 years, seeing off the likes of, A.A.Cooper, J.F.Johnson, T.W.Green and H.G.Churcher.

When the RWA Senior 20 miles was allocated to Enfield in 1931, he generously provided 1,000 programmes gratis and with some excellent organisation by the local Committee, all were sold with the exception of a small number rationed for officials, etc. thus materially assisting towards the record profit resulting from this promotion.



2022 ER

WL Fixture 2 on 12th February (Permit No. RWA22009-1) B category

A bitterly cold wind sweeping across the King George Playing fields didn't make things easy for the 23 walkers who toed the line for the second ERWL fixture of 2022 on 12th February. Nevertheless at least one pb was bettered and several walkers posted quicker times than in the first race in January.

Thank you to the officials who braved the conditions Referee: R.Wallwork - Timekeeper/Recorders: P.Welch, P. Ficken, T.Wilkinson
Judges: S.Cartwright, P.Cassidy, A.Garner, M.Culshaw, P Wilson ©

5 miles

1	George Wilkinson	Enfield H AC	Mu23	39.04	1	Abigail Jennins	Aldershot F&D	Wu23	41.33
2	Dave Annetts	North Herts RR	M55	39.33	2	Emma Dyos	Ilford AC	W45	47.51
3	Dave Walsh	Enfield H AC	M60	46.38	3	Maureen Noel	Belgrave H	W55	51.46
4	Michael George	Vets AC	M50	49.08	4	Rachel Lawless	Ilford AC	W55	52.31
5	Stuart Bennett ©	Ilford AC	M60	51.21	5	Amalia da Silva	Belgrave H	W55	54.55
6	John Arthur	Ilford AC	M60	51.39	6	Noel Blatchford	Abingdon AC	W70	56.23
7	John Borgars ©	Loughton AC	M75	52.14	7	Fiona Bishop	Enfield H AC	W60	58.10
8	Andrew Tweed	unattached	M70	54.55	8	Diana Braverman	Enfield H AC	W70	58.47
9	David Hoben	Surrey WC	M65	60.07					
10	Mal Blackwood	Trent Park	M75	61.49					

3 miles

Francisco Reis	Surrey WC	M60	26.43
Tony Wilkinson	unattached	M60	35.31
David Ainsworth©	Ilford AC	M70	46.27

3 miles

Shaeda Arthur	Ilford AC	W60	49.20
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2 miles

Lucy Engwell	unattached	Wu17	22.26
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Virtual Result

1	Mark Williams	Birchfield H	M55	42.41	1	Jaqueline Benson	Ashford AC	Wu23	49.17
2	Paul Gaston	Surrey WC	M70	58.14	2	Diane Bradley	Tonbridge AC	W60	49.29
3	Brian Adams ©	Leicester WC	M70	60.07	3	June Avery	Cl Rheddeg Pont	W60	60.55
4	Marco Bernatzki	LA Herten/ Ger	M50	60.14	4	Helen Middleton	Enfield H AC	w55	61.05
5	Bill Sutherland©	Highgate H	M75	70.00	5	Karen Williams	Birchfield H	W65	65.41

5km

Ron Penfold	Steyning AC	M80	35.45
Tony Perkins ©	Ilford AC	M70	50.23



There was a speedy get away from the League race by Dave Annetts and George Wilkinson along with judges Stephen Cartwright, Peter Cassidy, Mark Culshaw and Pauline Wilson who were scheduled to be in action at the Eastern/Essex indoor championships across town at the LVAC for a 1.30pm start.

Leaguers in Action



George, Jacqueline, Melanie and Dave - Before the shock news!

Sensation! Or Seemingly So at the Essex and Eastern Indoor championships at LVAC on Saturday 12th February. There were only four competitors in the 1 mile walk and **all were disqualified** according to the result sent through to the announcer who didn't bother to announce it.

Unbeknown to the walkers, they hung around patiently for the result to be made or posted on the results board. An early report that all four had been disqualified was ignored as a 'tongue in cheek' joke. However, after another hour, another enquiry produced the documentation showing the 4 dq's.

No red paddles had been waived by Chief Judge Peter Cassidy, which only left infringements spotted by the track judges, as the likely reason for the dq's and four in one race? Very unlikely.

Once brought to his notice, Track referee David Lipsombe reacted swiftly to the protestations and consulted his team, who confirmed that no infringements had been observed and so two hours and twenty-minutes after the race the following result was announced.

George Wilkinson (EHAC)	6.40.6 CBP	Jaqueline Benson (Ashford AC)	8.21.15 (Guest)
David Annetts (North Herts RR)	7.38.1	Melanie Peddle (Loughton AC)	8.22.19

The Saturday prior to the *Martin Oliver 5* the **EA Winter 10km championship** was held in atrocious weather conditions; strong winds and persistent driving rain, at the Leeds University track. Current League leaders Abigail Jennings (u23) 51.46.20 and George Wilkinson (u23) along with Millie Morris (u20) 54.52.90 and Dave Annetts 54.47.90 were other Leaguers in the race. Abigail and Millie won their respective age group titles and George was 3rd in his. Race winner Chris Snook's (u23) 43.27.60 in the conditions deserves special mention and bodes well for the coming months.

In action again at the **British Indoor championships** at Birmingham on 27th February and setting new pb's were Abigail 4th/14.24.72 and Millie 7th/16.01.46. Not far behind also with a pb in 9th/15.73.72 was Jacqueline Benson.

Callum Wilkinson A number of people have been asking me about Callum Wilkinson and surprised that he wasn't in the team announced for Muscat. He recently posted on Facebook, that since starting back training in October he had struggled and cutting a long story short, on Wednesday 23rd February underwent knee surgery and that thanks to his surgeon Sam Church, he was eagerly looking forward to continuing his recovery and starting rehab. He also wished to thank those who had been enquiring after him and appreciated their interest and support.

So near for Francisco Reis (M60) at the **European Masters Indoor Championships** at Braga in his native Portugal. He has been dogged with health issues over the past year, so although disappointed at not medalling in the two walks, he can be justly proud of two 4th places. His times were 15.43 and 26.44.

This newsletter gives the briefest information about the ERWL and more detailed results and a broader perspective of the race walking scene is available from the *Race Walking Record*, the *Essex Walker* and *Heel and Toe*.

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Finally, Good Luck wishes are extended to Tom Bosworth, Cameron Corbishley, Bethan Davies Dominic King and Heather Lewis upon their selection for the **WA Race Walking Team championships** being staged in Muscat, Oman on the weekend of 2nd/5th March. This will be the first global championship to feature a 35km race in place of the traditional 50km and is the distance that Dominic will be contesting.