

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

LEYLAND MOTORS WIN INTER-LEAGUE RACE AT CHORLEY.

RUNNER'S EXCITING EXPERIENCE IN LIMBRICK BROOK.

The biggest harriers' race contested at Chorley since pre-war days was decided on Saturday, when Chorley H. and A.C. entertained Leyland Motors A.C., Clayton H., and Rossendale H. in the third race in connection with the Mid-Lancashire Cross-country League for the Capt. M. J. Iler trophy.

Trail was laid by E. Peel and R. Connelly, of the home club, over about 7½ miles along Market-street and Stump-street, crossing Eaves-lane, and across country over the Nab, returning by the Fever Hospital and along Walton-road.

Mr. J. Roscow, Chorley, started a muster of 50 runners who set a fast pace over the mile or so of roads before the country was reached, with the league leaders, Clayton H., holding a prominent position. The fast start had taken its toll, however, and the climb up the Nab proved a strenuous ordeal, and when the first man, A. Haydock, Clayton, closely followed by S. Beardsworth, Chorley, reached the top, the field was well strung out.

On the return journey the Motors' pack ran well to score a surprise victory for team honours.

The contest for individual honours produced a great tussle in which D. Evans, the Oswaldtwistle runner of the Clayton pack, ran a well-judged race to arrive home first with a 30 yards lead over Haydock. His time was 45min. 15sec. A promising 17-year-old Chorley runner, S. Beardsworth, was a good third; L. Wright, Rossendale, was fourth; A. Blogg, Leyland, fifth; and J. Milnes, Leyland, sixth.

THE TEAM PLACINGS.

1st, Leyland Motors: 5 A. Blogg, 6 J. Milnes, 9 A. Berry, 11 L. Robinson, 13 M. Sperr, 21 J. Sumner—65 points.

2nd, Clayton H.: 1 D. Evans, 2 A. Haydock, 14 J. Sibering, 16 J. Brady, 18 L. Watts, 19 S. Wood—70 points.

3rd, Rossendale H.: 4 L. Wright, 7 J. Riley, 8 J. Greenwood, 10 J. Hayhurst, 23 J. Haworth, 27 T. Clark—79 points.

4th, Chorley H.: 3 S. Beardsworth, 12 J. Hall, 15 T. Caton, 17 J. T. Riley, 35 T. Snape, 38 H. Cocker—120 points.

Only two of the Preston pack, who should have competed, had put in an appearance when the race started.

EXCITING INCIDENT.

The going was extremely difficult over the lower-lying flooded fields, and on the return journey the flooded Limbrick Brook had to be forded waist deep. J. Heyes, a Clayton harrier, when place 10th, was swept off his feet in mid-stream by the fast-flowing stream, and was shouting and struggling for help when the timely arrival of other runners saved the situation.