

MID-LANCASHIRE LEAGUE RACE AT GREAT HARWOOD.

A keenly-fought race resulted from the fourth contest in connection with the Mid-Lancashire Cross-Country League for the Captain Meyler Cup on Saturday, when Clayton Harriers entertained Leyland Motors A.C., Chorley H., Rossendale H., and Preston H. in a seven-mile race over a two lap course from the Unity Club, Great Harwood, via Tottleworth to Rishton, returning across the fields and home via St. Hubert's-road.

Mr. A. Brownrigg, president of the Clayton club, started a muster of 60 runners. At the end of the first lap A. Haydock, Clayton, led by five yards, from Don Evans, his club mate, in 20min., with L. Wright, Rossendale, third. On the second lap he increased his pace and finished with a 30yd. lead. He collapsed on finishing and had to be assisted to the dressing-room, where he soon recovered. J. Milnes put in some good running on the last lap, running 12th at the end of the first lap he improved, to finish third in the race.

In the struggle for team honours Clayton scored a narrow win over the Motors' pack. Details:—

Individual.—1, A. Haydock, Clayton, time, 38½min.; 2, Don Evans, Clayton, 39min.; 3, J. Milnes, Leyland Motors, 39min. 45sec.

Team placings.—First, Clayton H.: 1, A. Haydock; 2, D. Evans; 5, J. Heyes; 12, J. Sibbirring; 16, A. Hodgson; 18, H. Almond—54 points. Second, Leyland Motors A.C.: 3, J. Milnes; 8, A. Blogg; 9, L. Robinson; 13, J. Sumner; 14, A. Berry; 15, M. Spero—62 points. Third, Rossendale H. and A.C.: 4, L. Wright; 6, J. Riley; 7, J. B. Greenwood; 22, J. Hayhurst; 31, H. Tricket; 33, B. Wilde—103 points.

Chorley's first counter was S. Beardsworth, 10th; R. Chapman, 11th, was the first Preston harrier home.

In a three-mile youths' race J. Howarth, Rossendale, was first; L. Hunt, Leyland, second; and J. Nuttall, Clayton, third.