

Cross-Country Racing: Success of Lancaster Team

A muster of 60 runners contested the fourth race in connection with the Mid-Lancashire Cross-country League from the Fishwick Ramblers' Club, Preston, on Saturday. The trail was laid by H. Davies, F. Barden and J. McLoughlin, of the organising club, Preston H., over six miles of sporting country, via Newhall-lane, over the Halfpenny Bridge, and along the Ribble Valley to Walton-le-Dale, where the main road was followed to Walton Bridge, striking the fields again on the Preston side of the river back to the Halfpenny Bridge to finish up the hill into Newhall-lane.

After the first mile R. P. Keay, of Barrow-in-Furness, took up the running, and holding a 20 yards' lead at Walton Bridge, headed the pack home after one of the closest team races seen in the Preston district, which resulted in the league leaders, Lancaster H. and C.C., being beaten into second place by another Lancaster team, Freehold Harriers. Keay's time was 37min. 1sec. Team placings:—

First, Lancaster Freehold H.: E. Hayes 6, J. Parkinson 7, T. Shepherd 8, E. Wilkinson 13, W. Mount 15, J. Holmes 16; total, 65 points. Second, Lancaster H. and A.C.: R. P. Keay 1, W. A. Park 2, E. T. Shepherd 10, G. Coultas 14, J. Vernon 19, J. Plumby 27; total, 73 points. Third, Lancaster Primrose H.: T. Smith 5, J. Brookbank 9, R. Parker 11, T. Armes 12, R. Smith 18, F. Rickerby 20; total, 75 points. Fourth, Clayton: A. Haydock 3, A. Wilkinson 4, J. Sibbering, 17, J. Heyes 22, J. Eastwood 23, B. Addison 25; total, 94 points.

Rain fell throughout the race.