

Lancaster man first home in Mid Lincs. race

E. A. HOGARTH, of Lancaster Harriers and A.C. was the individual winner of the opening fixture of the **Mid-Lancashire Cross Country League** when the team event was won by the host club, Blackpool and Fylde Harriers, at Blackpool on Saturday.

There was a bitterly cold wind over the course of just under six miles, starting from Stanley Park, over some rough **country** which was something of an early season test.

To avoid the chaos of last year, when runners appeared in the park from all directions, the promoting club wisely held the finish on the road outside the park.

Individual winner, **E. A. Hogarth**, of Lancaster Harriers, finished in the good time of 32.20 mins. Second and third local men to finish were **M. C. Slinger**, of Primrose Harriers, in 3rd place; and **H. M. Moneagle** of Lunesdale A.C., in 5th position. Closeness of the result can be appreciated when it is recorded that the first seven men finished inside one minute.

mins.; 3 **M. C. Slinger** (Primrose), 32.36 mins.; 4 **F. Holland** (Blackpool), 32.43 mins.; 5 **H. M. Moneagle** (Lunesdale), 32.57 mins.; 6 **T. Houghton** (Preston), 33.05 mins.

Team result: 1 Blackpool and Fylde Harriers, 68 points; 2 Lancaster Harriers, 70 points; 3 Primrose Harriers, 76 points; 4 Preston A.C., 135 points; 5 Lunesdale A.C.

Local placings were:

Lancaster H. and A.C.—1 **E. A. Hogarth**, 8 **M. Shearer**, 10 **M. Topham**, 11 **I. D. Eccles**, 16 **R. Gunn**, 26 **R. Tyson**.

Primrose H.—3 **M. C. Slinger**, 9 **A. W. Bibby**, 12 **W. Airey**, 15 **C. Hill**, 19 **M. Taylor**, 20 **Parkinson**.

Lunesdale.—5 **H. M. Moneagle**, 21 **K. Smith**, 24 **T. H. Kelsall**, 28 **W. Leack**, 36 **T. H. Robinson**.

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Feature of the event was the phenomenal running of T. Darling, of Blackpool, who though only a boy, finished second in the race and thus placed first for his club.

Disappointment for the Lunedale club was that with calls of work and sickness they could not close a team.

Individual result: 1 E. A. Hogarth (Lancaster), 32.20 mins.;
2 T. Darling (Blackpool), 32.26