

Athletics Weekly – 3 November 1956

MID-LANCS. LEAGUE

1, G. A. North (Blackpool) 37.27; 2, R. Curwen (Primrose) 37.39; 3, D. Spencer (Barrow) 37.51; 4, E. Hogarth (Lancaster) 37.58; 5, R. L. Woods (Blackpool) 38.13; 6, D. Large (Barrow) 38.38; 7, F. Holland (Blackpool) 38.48; 8, B. R. Craig (Blackpool) 38.49; 9, B. R. Craig (Blackpool) 38.49; 9, B. Gill (Barrow) 39.13; 10, G. North (Blackpool) 39.19; 11, J. Taylor (Blackpool) 39.19; 12, A. Fishwick (Primrose) 39.32. Teams: 1, Blackpool and Fylde 42pts.; 2, Barrow 79; 3, Primrose 80; 4, Lancaster 141; 5, Lunesdale 204.

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LOCAL CLUBS OUTPACED IN MID-LANCS. LEAGUE

SURPRISE in the first **Mid-Lancs Cross country** fixture of the season at Stanley Park, Blackpool, on Saturday, was the team victory of the host club, Blackpool and Fylde A.C. over the strong challenging club, Barrow A.C. Local clubs occupied third, fourth and fifth places.

Blackpool placed their sixth counter as high up as the 11th position. This performance has not been approached since Primrose Harriers placed six men in the first twelve positions some five years ago. Then, led by A. R. Mason it set them on the road to victory. Now, with six clubs competing, the **League** is slowly gaining its former influence.

RAN WELL

Feature of the race from the local point of view was the forward running of R. Curwen of Primrose Harriers, who finished second behind Blackpool's G. A. North.

E. A. Hogarth, last season's

individual champion, finished first man for Lancaster in fourth position, and for Lunesdale, M. Kirkham led his very youthful team home.

Again, strong criticism of the course was voiced, this time by Barrow A.C. who felt that too much had been left to chance in the matter of marking the course. Indeed, the casual approach to this important job, nearly led to disqualification of several of the forty-two runners who completed the course.

Ted Hogarth, Lancaster H. and A.C., started very slowly being about sixth from the end on leaving Stanley Park, but slowly worked his way through the field into fourth position. M. Topham ran very well to finish 14th while M. Jefferies showed promise of getting back to his old form in finishing 23rd. While the rest of the team tried hard there is room for improvement if the club is to repeat last year's performance in the **league**.