

Athletics Weekly - 4 December 1954

MID-LANCS LEAGUE

1, M. Topham (Lancs.) 35.18; 2, E. Hoggarth (Lancs.) 35.54; 3, J. Iddon (Preston) 36.32; 4, T. Houghton (Preston) 36.41; 5, F. B. Yates (Preston) 36.42; 6, J. L. Barraclough (Lancs.) 37.07. Teams: 1, Lancs. 35 pts.; 2, Preston 47; 3, Lunesdale 99.

19:59; Boys: 1, B. Swindells 13.21; 2, C. Waite 13.24; 3, D. Frith 14.15.

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Mid Lancs. run success

LANCASTER Harriers and Athletic Club carried off the team award and placed first and second individual runners in the second of four Mid Lancashire Cross Country League meetings held over a difficult course along the Lune bank and through the Stodday area on Saturday. They also packed well to get sixth, seventh, ninth, and 10th positions.

First home was M. Topham (L.H. and A.C.), who led from the start, with T. Hoggarth, his team mate in second place. J. L. Barraclough, the club's star walker finished sixth.

The race was started by the club's president, Mr. G. Topham, and runners got away from the Castle entrance to a good start. The course was via Long Marsh Lane along the riverside to Stodday and back via the canal to Dallas Road for the finish.

Topham cut out a smart pace from the start, closely followed by a bunch of Preston A.C. runners. Then came Joe Barraclough with Mike Jefferies close behind. On his heels was another Preston runner, and behind him came R. Tyson. These positions were held from Dawson's bank to the finish. Lancaster's sixth counter, R. Gunn moved from the back of the field to tuck himself in behind Tyson in 10th position.

Team placings were: 1 Lancaster H. and A.C., 35 pts.; 2 Preston A.C., 47 pts.; 3 Lunesdale A.C., 99 pts.

Individual placings were: 1 M. Topham (L. H. and A.C.), 2 T. Hoggarth (L.H. and A.C.), 3 T. Iddon (Preston A.C.), 4 T. Houghton (Preston A.C.), 5 E. B. Yates (Preston A.C.), 6 J. L. Barraclough (L.H. and A.C.), 7 M. Jefferies (L.H. and A.C.), 9 R. Tyson (L.H. and A.C.), 10 R. Gunn (L.H. and A.C.).