

Athletics Weekly - 24 December 1955

MID-LANCS. LEAGUE

At Lancaster

1, E. A. Hogarth (Lancaster) 41.45; 2, F. Holland (Blackpool) 42.47; 3, H. M. Moneagle (Lunesdale) 43.14; 4, M. Shearer (Lancs.) 43.29; 5, E. Fenn (Preston) 43.33; 6, M. Topham (Lancs.) 43.34; 7, I. D. Eccles (Lancs.) 44.05; 8, C. Hill (Primrose) 44.18; 9, F. B. Yates (Preston) 44.37; 10, A. W. Bibby (Primrose) 44.40; 11, J. L. Barraclough (Lancs.) 44.42; 12, A. Hartley (Preston) 44.47. Teams: 1, Lancaster 51pts.; 2, Primrose 83; 3, Preston 89; 4, Lunesdale 118.

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Lancaster H. Win Mid. Lancs. race

LANCASTER HARRIERS and Athletic Club carried off both team and individual honours in the fourth of this season's **Mid-Lancashire Cross Country League** races run over the Lunesdale A.C.'s track in the Halton district on Saturday.

E. A. Hogarth, who is Lancaster H. and A.C.'s leading contender for the individual title was first home in the excellent time of 41.45 minutes which was 15 seconds better than the minimum forecast by the Lunesdale committee. Second man home was the Blackpool runner, F. Holland, in 42.47 minutes while H. M. Moneagle, of the host club was third in 43.14 minutes. Another Lancaster man, M. Shearer, was fourth in 43.29 minutes and E. Fenn, Preston was fifth in 43.33 minutes. Sixth was M. Topham, Lancaster, in 43.34 minutes.

TOUGH COURSE

Starting from Langdale Road, the course went over the Ridge Estate to Far Moor then cross country over the Ridge and Grimshaw districts to Denny Beck, across to Halton Station and over the bridge to the Greyhound Hotel. From there, the runners reached the River Lune bank near Halton Bridging Camp and then went over Aqueduct Bridge, down the steps to Caton Road and back to finish on Langdale Road.

At the first check point leading to the Grimshaw lane, Hogarth had a good lead and cleared the gate into the lane without slackening speed. He was followed by Holland with the two inseparables, Shearer and Moneagle closely behind. In the struggle for team honours, Lancaster appeared to have the advantage, even at this stage of the race.

Lancaster Harriers finished with the low total of 51 points with Primrose Harriers second scoring 83 points. Primrose's first man home was C. Hill in eighth position. Preston A.C. were third with 89 points. Lunesdale fourth with 118 points and Blackpool and Fylde H. and A.C. were fifth, failing to complete a team.

LOCAL PLACINGS

Local placings were:—Lancaster H. and A. C.: 1 E. A. Hogarth, 4 M. Shearer, 6 M. Topham, 7 I. D. Eccles, 11 J. L. Barraclough, 22 R. Gunn. Primrose: 8 C. Hill, 10 A. W. Bibby, 14 S. Smith, 15 M. Osliffe, 17 A. Parkinson, 19 R. Winder. Lunesdale A.C.: 3 H. M. Moneagle, 16 W. R. Breakell, 18 M. Kirkham, 20 D. Barnes, 30 G. H. Taylor, 31 D. Barton.

Officials were: Referee, Mr. J. Higginson; judges, Messrs. G. Topham, J. Armes, K. Westmore, H. M. Moneagle (senior); time-keeper, S. Tyson; league secretary, C. P. Taylor. Stewards came from the three local clubs, Lunesdale, Lancaster and Prim-