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MID-LANCS LEAGUE RACE

Lancaster

The 4th Mid-Lancs. League race was held on 8th December, when G. A. North took the individual honours and Barrow the team race. Barrow packed five in ten and their six in nine-

teen. Lunesdale were the hosts and desire to apologise for the lack of washing facilities. The adjacent pipe has become furred up, the cost of laying on another supply is prohibitive, and so far it has not been possible to provide the necessary facilities.

1, G. A. North (Blackpool) 37.04; 2, E. A. Hogarth (Lancaster) 37.36; 3, B. Gill (Barrow) 37.43; 4, D. A. Spencer (Barrow) 38.05; 5, F. Holland (Blackpool) 38.16; 6, R. Curwen (Primrose) 38.38; 7, D. Large (Barrow) 39.00; 8, M. Freary (Primrose) 39.42; 9, W. A. Hughes (Barrow) 40.05; 10, J. Helm (Barrow) 40.12; 11, G. North (Blackpool) 40.18; 12, M. Taylor (Blackpool) 40.18. Teams: 1, Barrow 52pts.; 2, Primrose 74; 3, Blackpool and F. 88; 4, Lancaster 120.

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Primrose second in M.L. race

WITH five men in the first ten placed Barrow A.C. were worthy team winners in the fourth of the season's **M.L. Lancashire League cross country** fixtures held from the headquarters of Lunesdale Athletic Club on Saturday. First local man home was E. A. Hogarth of Lancaster Harriers and Athletic Club in second place. Next Lancastrian to finish was R. Curwen, of Primrose Harriers, who was in sixth place. Primrose were second in the team event with 74 points against Barrow's winning total of 52 points.

A lap course, starting from the Far Moor, and leading on to the country at the rear of the Moor Hospital had been prepared. Competitors had to cover it three times. This enabled officials and spectators to view the runners three times as they passed, and assess the fortunes of the six clubs taking part.

In one waterlogged field A. Tyson, Lancaster Harriers, lost both his shoes in the deep mud.

but continued for a while without them but had to stop and replace them after a short distance on the cinder track.

G. A. North of Blackpool came back to his best form taking the lead midway through the second lap. From this point he steadily drew away to win the race with a margin of just over half a minute. Next man home was Lancaster Harriers' leading runner, E. A. Hogarth, who shook himself clear of the attentions of Gill and Spencer of Barrow A.C. He fully confirmed his improved form in recent races.

Primrose Harriers took a well earned second place, packing all their six counters in before anyone else, and displacing Blackpool and Fylde A.C. from their usual position. Primrose's first man was their junior runner, R. Curwen in sixth place. For the host club Lunesdale, M. Kirkham led his side in, being placed 18th.

RESULTS.

Team placings: 1 Barrow A.C., 52 points; 2 Primrose Harriers, 74; 3 Blackpool and Fylde A.C., 88; 4 Lancaster Harriers, 120; 5 Lunesdale A.C.; 6 Preston A.C.

Local placings:—

Primrose: 6 R. Curwen, 38.38; 8 M. Freary, 39.42; 12 M. Taylor, 40.27; 15 A. Parkinson, 41.15; 16 S. Smith, 41.18; 17 A. Fishwick, 41.22.

Lancaster: 2 E. A. Hogarth, 37.36; 13, M. C. Jeffreys, 41.15; 21 R. Gunn, 42.22; 25, I. D. Eccles, 43.33; 28 H. Bell, 44.15; 31 R. Tyson, 46.25.

Lunesdale: 18 M. Kirkham, 41.46; 23 K. Smith, 42.50; 29 P. Charlton, 45.15; 32 R. Hewertson, 46.57; 36 D. Atkinson, 50.20.

Officials were: Starter, Mr. H. M. Moneagle; judges, Messrs. N. Curwen, R. Matthews; stewards, Messrs. W. Moore, J. Vernon, J. Armes, C. Clark, T. Armes, J. Fisher, R. R. Clements, A. Halliday; hon. secretary, Mr. C. P.