

# Fifth consecutive Mayler Cup win for Lancaster H.

**L**ANCASTER HARRIERS and Athletic Club won the Mayler Cup as **Mid-Lancashire Cross Country League** champions for the fifth consecutive season in the final race at Preston on Saturday. E. A. Hogarth, the club's leading runner, won individual honours with H.M. Moneagle, of Lunesdale A.C., runner-up.

Hogarth finished with the low total of six points while Moneagle, who has been most consistent throughout the season, had 18 points. A. W. Bibby, of Primrose Harriers, who was in the running for a runners-up team medal, lost the team medal, but gained the individual unplaced medal with a total of 45 points.

In the final race, Lancaster Harriers won in convincing style with Blackpool and Fylde Harriers second. Lancaster had 58 points and Blackpool 81 points. Third were the hosts, Preston A.C. with 118 points. Both Primrose and Lunesdale failed to close a team.

The smallest field of the season faced the starter, Mr. J. Burke, of Preston. The course of three laps comprised footpath, road and field and was laid through the Woodplumpton district of Preston.

At the end of the first lap, Hogarth was leading followed by F. Holland, Blackpool, 20 yards behind. H. M. Moneagle was third and Lancaster's second man, M. Shearer, fourth. Prominent in the leading bunch following these men were M. Topham and I. D. Eccles, Lancaster. E. Fenn, Preston and C. Hill, Primrose. When the runners came round at the end of the second lap, it seemed as though Hogarth was going to have his work cut out in holding off the challenging Holland who had come right up to the Lancaster man's shoulder. Moneagle was still third and clear of danger. Shearer had dropped steadily back while Fenn and Hill were still well placed.

Hogarth must have settled the issue in the country for he came in to a storming finish in the good time of 36-11 minutes. Holland finished in 36-25 minutes and Moneagle in 37-14 minutes.

Local placings were: Lancaster Harriers: 1. E. A. Hogarth; 5. M. Topham; 8. M. Shearer; 10. I. D. Eccles; 16. R. Gunn; 18. C. Colrman. Primrose: 4. C. Hill, 9. A. W. Bibby; 12. A. Parkinson; 14. M. Osliffe. Lunesdale: 3. H. M. Moneagle; 15. D. Barnes; 22. W. R. Breakwell; 29. D. Atkinson.