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1. J. Tennant, West Cheshire
2. J. T. Rimmer, Liverpool
3. G. Wright, Farnworth
4. R. Smethurst, West Cheshire
5. W. Rawlinson, Sefton
6. T. E. Francis, West Cheshire
7. F. Bartlett, Sefton
8. T. Hughes, Farnworth
9. W. H. Jones, Farnworth
10. W. A Mercer, Grosvenor
11. C. Bolton, North Liverpool Gymnasium



CLUB PLACINGS.

Points.

1. Sefton Harriers 76
2. Farnworth Harriers 78
3. West Cheshire Harriers 81
4. North Liverpool Gymnasium 214
5. Pembroke Harriers 240
6. Grosvenor and Liverpool (equal) 247
8. Birkenhead Gymnasium 348
9. Gordon Athletic 408
10. Gerard's Bridge 417

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