

RACING EXTRAORDINARY.—An extraordinary foot-race took place on Monday last, from the Black Lion Inn, Heapey, to the Red Lion Inn, Wheelton, and back again, between Henry Blackledge, Esq., of Wheelton, and Mr. John Derbyshire, Anglezark, for £10 a-side. Mr. Derbyshire weighs 19 stones, and Mr. Blackledge 17½ stones. The road, being all up and down hill, was not the best calculated for men of such weights. The contest in the down-hill part of the road was nearly equal; but Mr. Derbyshire found the up-hill work too much for him, and in the return home Mr. Blackledge got the lead and arrived first at the starting chair, winning the wager with comparative ease. The day being fine, no fewer than five hundred spectators were on the ground. This caused such a mania for racing that Mr. Lawrence Anyon, of Gorse Hall, Whittle-le-Woods, offered to run any one present for £100, either at Belle Vue or at Whittle Springs, but no one has as yet accepted the wager.