

BILL STODDART added the Scottish Vets cross-country title to his English title on March 4th over a very hilly, traditional trail on fields and plough at Clydesdale laid by Clydesdale Harriers, Scotland's oldest harrier club. Bill, backed by former internationalist brothers Tom and John Stevenson, also led Greenock Wellpark Harriers to an easy team victory. Hugh Mitchell took time off from his coaching activities to finish a good second and third man Moir Logie, fresh to the veteran ranks, led East Kilbride to second place in the team event.

Vets Corner

Andy Forbes, Commonwealth Games 6 miles silver medallist in 1950, won the over-fifty title and J. E. Farrell, an internationalist when already in his forties, added the Scottish over-sixties title to the English title won 14 days earlier, despite a muscle injury sustained in the first rush at the gun! The 53 finishers from 57 starters included Roddy Devon, 65 in June—and he wasn't last!

The exploits of the Scottish Vets are impinging on Press and TV, and it is not only the well-known names who are bringing publicity to the sport. Enthusiasts such as John Hanton, of Paisley, who ran his first-ever race at 51—a 25 kilometre road event (!)—have caught the mood of the times for middle-aged fitness, and have been featured in the Press.

Jim Logan

1, W. Stoddart (Gr'k Wellpark) 29.52; 2, H. Mitchell (Shettleston) 31.27; 3, M. Logie (East Kilbride) 31.49; 4, H. Scott (Perth Railway) 32.34; 5, T. Stevenson (Gr'k Wellpark) 32.41; 6, W. Marshall (Motherwell YMCA) 32.55; 7, J. Stevenson (Gr'k Wellpark) 33.03; 8, C. O'Boyle (Clydesdale) 33.23; 9, R. Pape (Royal Navy) 33.50; 10, R. Kane (VPAAC) 33.55; 11, W. Armour (B'houston) 34.06; 12, W. Russell (Monkland) 34.11; 13, T. Todd (Falkirk Vic) 34.13; 14, J. Moore (E. Kilbride) 34.31; 15, A. Forbes (VP) 34.35; 16, T. Harrison (Maryhill) 35.09; 17, C. Forbes (Irvine YMCA) 35.14; 18, W. Ross (Garscube) 35.40; 19, R. Gannon (E. Kilbride) 35.46; 20, C. Hamilton-Jones (Edin. AC) 36.06.

Over 50: 1, A. Forbes (VP) 34.35; 2, T. Harrison (Maryhill) 35.09; 3, W. Ross (Garscube) 35.40.

Over 60: 1, J. E. Farrell (Maryhill) 42.18; 2, R. Smith (Scottish Vets) 43.10; 3, G. Taylor (Shettleston) 43.19.

Teams: 1, Greenock Wellpark 13; 2, E. Kilbride 36; 3, Bellahouston 58; 4, Clydesdale 69; 5, Maryhill 78; 6, Victoria Park 78.

SCOTTISH VETERANS CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
CLYDEBANK, SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 1972

DETAILS:

1	W. J. Stoddart	Gr. Wellpark	29:52	* 28	D. Anderson	Gr. Wellpark	39:10
2	H. Mitchell	Shettleston	31:27	29	W. McBrinn	Monkland	39:18
3	M. Logie	East Kilbride	31:49	30	J. Brownlie	Cambuslang	39:30
4	H. Scott	Perth Railway	32:34	31	I. D. Steedman	Lewisvale Spr.	39:47
5	T. Stevenson	Gr. Wellpark	32:41	32	A. Cook	Falkirk Vic.	40:02
6	W. Marshall	Motherwell YM	32:55	33	D. Clelland	Stirling	40:13
7	J. Stevenson	Gr. Wellpark	33:03	34	J. Sweeney	Clydesdale	40:28
8	C. O'Boyle	Clydesdale	33:23	* 35	G. White	Clydesdale	40:46
9	R. Pape	Royal Navy	33:50	* 36	D. Bowman	Clydesdale	40:55
10	R. Kane	Victoria Park	33:55	37	R. Donald	Garscube	41:12
11	W. Armour	Bellahouston	34:06	38	R. W. McDonald	Maryhill	41:21
12	W. J. Russell	Monkland	34:11	39	C. Third	Edin. Southern	41:41
13	T. Todd	Falkirk Vic.	34:13	* 40	J. Hanton	Paisley	41:48
14	J. Moore	East Kilbride	34:31	41	M. Phillips	Bellahouston	42:05
* 15	A. Forbes	Victoria Park	34:35	** 42	J. E. Farrell	Maryhill	42:18
* 16	T. Harrison	Maryhill	35:09	43	T. Fletcher	Shettleston	42:36
17	C. D. Forbes	Irvine YM	35:19	** 44	R. Smith	Scottish Vets	43:10
* 18	W. J. Ross	Garscube	35:40	** 45	G. Taylor	Shettleston	43:19
19	R. Gannon	East Kilbride	35:46	46	J. Edgar	Lewisvale Spr.	44:33
20	C. Hamilton-Jones	Edinburgh AC	36:06	** 47	H. Haughie	Springburn	44:42
21	F. Kielty	Clydesdale	36:11	* 48	D. G. Causon	Garscube	44:53
22	J. McLean	Bellahouston	36:22	49	W. Grant	Edin. Southern	45:06
23	R. Pickard	Perth Railway	36:29	* 50	T. E. Weatherhead	Airedale	47:33
* 24	G. J. Porteous	Maryhill	37:46	51	T. Brownlie	Cambuslang	47:53
25	P. Livingston	Bellahouston	38:19	** 52	R. Devon	Motherwell YM	50:38
26	J. Geddes	Monkland	38:40	* 53	J. L. Logan	Victoria Park	55:11
27	W. Hyslop	Clydesdale	38:44				

Other Starters:

T. Mercer (Bellahouston)

T. Monaghan (Scottish Vets)

H. Millar (Edinburgh Southern)

J. Young (Clydesdale),

* denotes o/50

** denotes o/60

TEAM:

1	Greenock Wellpark	(1, 5, 7)	13 Points
2	East Kilbride A.C.	(3, 14, 19)	36 "
3	Clydesdale Harriers	(8, 27, 34)	69 "