

SCOTTISH VETS CC CHAMPS 1974

At Coatbridge, March 2nd

CHARLIE McALINDEN sped to an easy victory over a 5 mile course of hilly, grassland at Coatbridge, rapidly becoming the home of Scottish cross-country running. In the absence of other top 'vets' Alastair Wood, Bill Stoddart (holder) and Bert McFall, McAlinden was unchallenged after the first half mile, but Bill Ramage (Springburn) and local runner Willie Russell (Monkland) had a close duel for second place which only resolved itself in favour of Russell in the last mile. George Martin, who was recently runner up in the British over-50 category, easily won the Scottish 'over 50' race, and the evergreen Emmett Farrell added the 'over 60' individual title to his three British titles in this event. Springburn, who won four team titles in the Scottish Championships at this venue two weeks earlier, added the Veterans team title to their list with an easy team victory over Monkland.

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| 1, C. McAlinden (Paisley) | 27:47 |
| 2, W. Russell (Monkland) | 28:54 |
| 3, W. Range (Springburn) | 29:03 |
| 4, W. Marshall (Moth) | 29:22; |
| 5, A. White (Spring) | 29:26; |
| 6, W. Lindsay (Tev) | 29:36; |
| 7, C. O'Boyle (Cly) | 29:50; |
| 8, J. Todd (Falk) | 30:14; |
| 9, T. O'Reilly (Spring) | 30:22; |
| 10, J. Moore (E Kil) | 30:28; |
| 11, W. McBrim (Monk) | 30:36; |
| 12, R. R. Cox (GGH) | 30:44; |
| 13, A. McManus (Pais) | 30:47; |
| 14, B. Bickerton (Shett) | 31:01; |
| 15, G. Martin (Spring) | 31:12; |
| 16, J. Hendry (Cup) | 31:36; |
| 17, J. McLean (Bell) | 31:40; |
| 18, A. Galbraith (Stir) | 31:44; |
| 19, E. Farrell (Mary) | 31:47; |
| 20, C. Wallace (Shett) | 31:51. |
| 71 finished. | O/50: 1, Martin; 2, Wallace; 3, J. Geddes (Monk) 32:59. |
| O/60: 1, Farrell; 2, G. Porteous (Mary) | 33:14. |
| Teams: 1, Springburn | 17; |
| 2, Monkland | 39; |
| 3, Paisley | 47; |
| 4, Shettleston | 56; |
| 5, Bellahouston | 70; |
| 6, Maryhill | 74; |
| 7, Clydesdale | 88; |
| 8, ESH | 108; |
| 9, Victoria Park | 109; |
| 10, Lewisvale Spartan | 173. |

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1. C. McALINDEN 29 47 21 WROSS 31 58
2. M. RUSSELL 28 54 22 J. McNEIL 32 16
3. W. RAMMAGE 29 03 23 R. CALDERWOOD
4. W. MATHURAN 29 22 24 T. McNEIL (BRUD)
5. A. WHITE 29 26 25 R. KANE
6. W. LINDSAY (TEU) 29 36 26 J. GRINGS
7. C. O'BOYLE 29 50 28 G. PORTERSON
8. T. TOON (FOL) 30 14 29 P. LIVINGSTON
9. T. O'REILLY 30 22 30 J. KELLY (BRUD)
10. J. MOORE 30 28 31 J. ERSKINE (GRAND)
11. W. McBRIDE 30 36 32 J. S. PETTY
12. R. COX 30 44 33 J. HANSTON (PAIS)
13. A. McMANUS (PAIS) 30 47 34 A. OLIVER (TEU)
14. B. BICKERTON 31 01 35 P. YOUNGER
15. G. MARTIN 31 12 36 J. BROWNLEE
16. J. L. HENDRY 31 36 37 C. THIRD (ESM)
17. J. McLEAN 31 40 38 D. McKIRDY (MO)
18. A. GALBRAITH 31 44 39 H. MILLAR
19. J. E. FARRELL 31 47 40 R. McDONALD
20. K. C. WALLACE 31 51