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Scottish Vets CC

FORMER Olympic and Commonwealth Games marathon runner, Don Macgregor, won the Scottish Vets Cross Country Championships for the second time in four years at Aberdeen on February 13th, after a closely contested race in which only 16 seconds separated the first four finishers and a single point decided the outcome of the team competition. A field of 126 runners competed in this year's championship, which was sponsored by local publican, J. C. Fawcett of Crammy's Bar and held at Aberdeen University's Sports Complex at Balgownie on the northern outskirts of the city.

The early stages of the race were dominated by a small pack, including 1981 champion Martin Craven, Scottish Vets 800 and 1500m champion, Rod McFarquhar, Tony McCall, Mel Edwards, Bill Scally and Macgregor. By halfway McFarquhar had opened a small gap ahead of the chasing group, but his lead was short-lived as Macgregor and Craven began to assert their influence on the race. After a determined battle over the last two kilometres, Macgregor proved the stronger finisher and came home to win the Jock Semple Trophy by three seconds from Craven. McCall just got the better of McFarquhar for third and Scally overtook Edwards on the last lap for fifth place.

The battle for the over 50's title was almost as closely fought, with former European marathon record holder, Alastair Wood, coming home in 15th place overall, seven seconds ahead of Walter McBrinn of Clyde Valley.

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1, D. Macgregor (Fife AC) 34:11
 2, M. Craven (Edinburgh Southern) 34:14
 3, A. McCall (Dumbarton) 34:23
 4, R. McFarquhar (A'deen) 34:27; 5, W. Scally (Shett) 34:46; 6, M. Edwards (A'deen) 34:50; 7, C. Hunter (Pit) 36:11; 8, P. Cartwright (FVH) 36:29; 9, G. Brown (ESH) 36:33; 10, D. Kerr (Gars) 36:43; 11, W. Ewing (Pit) 36:54; 12, J. Irvine (Bella) 37:01; 13, S. Cameron (ESH) 37:02; 14, D. Andrews (Scot. V) 37:09; 15, A. Wood (A'deen-O/50) 37:11; 16, P. Cowan (Shett) 37:13; 17, W. McBrinn (CV-O/50) 37:18; 18, S. Taylor (A'deen) 37:37; 19, T. O'Reilly (E. Kil-O/50) 37:42; 20, G. McKirdy (E. Kil) 37:46; 21, N. MacAulay (Dund) 37:50; 22, J. Morrison (A'deen) 37:58; 23, W. Watson (A'deen) 38:05; 24, G. Steele (EAC) 38:11; 25, H. Scott (Per) 38:23; 26, H. Muchamore (ESH) 38:25; 27, R. Cooper (I'ness) 38:28; 28, J. Adron (A'deen) 38:31; 29, T. Kinsey (Mary) 38:46; 30, J. MacDonald (Shett) 38:49. **Teams:** 1, Edinburgh Southern 24; 2, Aberdeen 25; 3, Shettleston 51. **(O/60):** 1, J. Clark (CV) 42:57; 2, G. Kynaston (A'deen) 45:32; 3, G. Porteous (Mary) 45:32. **(O/70):** J. Farrell (Mary) 46:07.