

Golds for Wells

Tony Wells lifted yet another continental title in one of the most exciting races at the European Veterans Indoor Championships in Helsinki.



The Corby AC man qualified for the final of the veteran-55 60m hurdles with a heat winning effort of 9.79 and went into the final as the second fastest after German Dieter Tisch won his heat in 9.64. There the pair both went much faster with Wells just getting the verdict by the narrowest of margins in 9.36. The German clocked 9.37 while Spain's Toni Pina took the bronze in 9.60.

Wells also made the semi of the 200m with a heat winning time of 26.62 but unfortunately he went out in the semis when finishing fourth in 26.83 as fellow Brit Viv Oliver won in 24.56 before going on to place second to another Briton Alasdair Ross (24.42) with 24.79 in the final.

With the success of the 200m runners, Britain was favourite for the 4 x 200m relay and so it proved as they easily won to provide Wells with his second gold medal of the championships. The team of Ross, Wells, Robert Minting and Oliver game home in 1.43.24 to finish ahead of Italy (1.45.87) with Finland (1.49.37) just edging out Germany (1.49.71) to clinch the bronze.