

# Roanoke Triumphs Easily Rolls Up 60-Point Total

## Strong Finish by Techmen Overcomes Determined WGM

LEXINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Strength-in-depth paid off for Virginia Tech in the last half of the program here tonight and the Gobblers captured the Southern Conference indoor track championship with a total of 41 points.

**LOCKED IN** A bitter struggle with William and Mary when the 12-event meet passed the half-way point in VMI's huge field-house, the Techmen made off with two firsts and three second places in the final five events to win going away.

William and Mary finished second with 31 points and host VMI, which had won the championship for the past two seasons, was third with 20½.

Trailing the leaders in order were Richmond, 14; West Virginia, 13½; Davidson, 9; George Washington, 3. Washington and Lee had entries but failed to score.

Roanoke College made a shambles of the concurrent Mason-Dixon Conference meet as anticipated, rolling up a staggering 60½ points to all but lap the field. The Maroons' closest competition in the meet—which saw seven records shattered and one tied—came from surprising Lynchburg, which finished with 25¼ points. Catholic University was third with 22 followed by Randolph-Macon 10¼, and Bridgewater, 10.

**NO RECORDS** were broken in the Southern Conference show. West Virginia's sophomore Dave Tork came closest in winning the pole vault at 13 feet 3¼ inches—only one inch off the standard which has stood since 1932. Tork gave a try at setting a mark after he'd won the event by essaying a leap of 13 feet 5 inches, but failed to clear the bar.

Double winners in the Southern Conference meet were VMI's sophomore distance star, Dave Petkethly, who copped the mile and two mile runs. And William and Mary's Walt Fillman, who took the 60-yard dash and the 70-yard low hurdles.

After seven events Tech had led William and Mary by only one point. In the stretch the Gobblers picked up first places in the 880 by Bob Wingfield and in the mile relay by Terry Drew, Dave Ebert, Bob Metcalfe and Dick Arnold to start moving away.

Records were set in the last four events in Mason-Dixon Conference competition.

Dick Lewis of Roanoke negotiated the 880 in 2 minutes, 1.7 seconds to clip 2.3 seconds off the old record established in 1955, and the Maroons' Bruce Johnston sped over the 70-yard low hurdles in 8 seconds flat to beat his old record of 8.2 set two years ago.

Catholic University's mile relay team of Mike Flynn, Dick Messersmith, George Mathews and Bob Flynn turned in a record 3:34.9 timing in their specialty, beating the old standards of 3:40.6 by 5.7 seconds.

Lynchburg's Taylor Goode, in the last event in the program, pole vaulted 12 feet, 8¾ inches for another record. He set the old record with a leap of 12 feet, 5½ inches last year.

The first two Mason-Dixon records to fall in the night's finals program were in the 70-yard high hurdles and the two mile run.

Lynchburg's Bill Cowlbeck set the new standard in the high hurdles with a clocking of 9.1 seconds—a tenth of a second faster than the old record of 9.2 set by Roanoke's Dick Seed in 1955. Seed finished third in the race tonight.

Roanoke's Howard Meincke established a record in the two mile run by doing the distance in 10 minutes, 19.8 seconds, 2.2 seconds better than the former 10:22.0 mark which had stood since 1954.

One record fell and one was tied in the first three finals in Mason-Dixon Conference competition this afternoon.

**RANDOLPH-MACON'S** Charlie Nuttycombe leaped 22 feet, 1¼ inches to better his own record, set last year, by an even one foot in the broad jump. Four con-

testants tied for first place in the high jump at 5 feet, 10 inches, a height that equaled the standard established in 1954 by Roanoke's Dick Seed. One of those who tied the mark today was Seed.

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Broad Jump—1, Riggs, Richmond; 2, Ebert, Virginia Tech; 3, Fillman, William and Mary; 4, Frazer, Virginia Tech. Distance 22 feet 3 inches.

Shot-Put—1, Blake, West Virginia; 2, Vaughan, Richmond; 3, Gramley, Davidson; 4, Richards, Virginia Tech. Distance 44 feet 7¼ inches.

High Jump—1, Bales, William and Mary; 2, tie, Machen, VMI and Tork, West Virginia; 4, Hall, Virginia Tech. Height 6 feet 3¼ inches.

Mile Run—1, Pitkethly, VMI; 2, Ashcraft, Davidson; 3, De Tombe, William and Mary; 4, Casco, West Virginia. Time 4:28.2.

60-Yard Dash—1, Fillman, William and Mary; 2, Sommers, George Washington; 3, Riggs, Richmond; 4, Wilson, VMI. Time :5.4.

440-Yard Dash—1, Arnold, Virginia Tech; 2, Drew, Virginia Tech; 3, Hook, William and Mary; 4, Mallory, Davidson. Time :33.3.

70-Yard High Hurdles—1, McCor, Virginia Tech; 2, Gates, William and Mary; 3, Hrest, VMI; 4, Johnson, Virginia Tech. Time :9.2.

Two Mile Run—1, Pitkethly, VMI; 2, Catlett, Virginia Tech; 3, De Tombe, William and Mary; 4, Savage, VMI. Time—10 minutes, 27 seconds.

880-Yard Run—1, Wingfield, Virginia Tech; 2, Ashcraft, Davidson; 3, Roper, William and Mary; 4, Higginbotham, VMI. Time—2 minutes, 2.6 seconds.

70-Yard Low Hurdles—1, Fillman, William and Mary; 2, McCor, Virginia Tech; 3, Riggs, Richmond; 4, Bailey, Virginia Tech. Time—7.7 seconds.

Mile Relay—1, Virginia Tech (Drew, Ebert, Metcalfe, Arnold); 2, William and Mary; 3, VMI; 4, Richmond. Time—3 minutes, 34.7 seconds.

Pole Vault—1, Tork, West Virginia; 2, Spangler, Virginia Tech; 3, tie, J. Johnson, Virginia Tech; Miller, Richmond, and Dunn, VMI. Height—13 feet, 3¼ inches.

### MASON-DIXON CONFERENCE

Shot put—1, Palm, Roanoke; 2, Lehman, Bridgewater; 3, Smith, Bridgewater. No other entries. Distance 41 feet, 4¼ inches.

High Jump—1, Tie, Seed, Roanoke; Stafer, Roanoke; Bland, Randolph-Macon; and Goode, Lynchburg. Height 5 feet, 10 inches. (Ties Mason-Dixon record, set by Seed, 1954.)

Broad jump—1, Nuttycombe, Randolph-Macon; 2, Harris, Lynchburg; 3, Flynn, Catholic University; 4, Nichols, Roanoke. Distance—22 feet, 1¼ inches. (New Mason-Dixon Conference record. Old record 21 feet, 1¼ inches, set by Nuttycombe, 1955.)

Mile run—1, Goodlake, Roanoke; 2, Messersmith, Catholic; 3, Atwood, Lynchburg; 4, Blanton, Roanoke. 4:39.9.

60-yard dash—1, Jarrett, Lynchburg; 2, Libert, Catholic; 3, Gearhart, Roanoke; 4, Harris, Lynchburg. :6.5.

440-yard dash—1, Flynn, Catholic; 2, Summers, Roanoke; 3, Light, Roanoke; 4, Mathews, Catholic. :34.2.

70-yard high hurdles—1, Cowbeck, Lynchburg; 2, Johnston, Roanoke; 3, Seed, Roanoke; 4, Driskill, Roanoke. :9.1. (New Mason-Dixon conference indoor record. Old record 9.2 seconds set by Seed, Roanoke, 1955.)

Two mile run—1, Meincke, Roanoke; 2, Ferris, Roanoke; 3, Fenimore, Bridgewater; 4, Light, Roanoke. 10:19.8. (New Mason-Dixon Conference indoor record. Old record 10:22.0 set by Noel, Roanoke, 1954.)

880-Yard Run—1, Lewis, Roanoke; 2, Madison, Catholic; 3, Shaw, Roanoke; 4, Rittenhouse, Bridgewater. Time—2 minutes, 1.7 seconds. (New Mason-Dixon Conference indoor record. Old record 2:04.0 set by Will, Bridgewater, 1955.)

70-Yard Low Hurdles—1, Johnston, Roanoke; 2, Nuttycombe, Randolph-Macon; 3, Cowbeck, Lynchburg; 4, Seed, Roanoke. Time—8 seconds flat. (New Mason-Dixon Conference indoor record. Old record 8.2 seconds set by Johnston, 1954.)

Mile Relay—1, Catholic University (M. Flynn, Messersmith, Mathews, B. Flynn); 2, Roanoke; 3, Bridgewater; only entries. Time—3 minutes, 34.9 seconds. (New Mason-Dixon Conference indoor record. Old record 3:40.6 set by Catholic University, 1955.)

Pole Vault—1, Goode, Lynchburg; 2, Hike, Roanoke; 3, Vest, Roanoke; only entries. Height—12 feet, 8¾ inches. (New Mason-Dixon Conference indoor record. Old record 12-5¼ set by Goode, 1954.)