

VMI Wins Track Meet

LEXINGTON, Feb. 22—(AP)—Tyler won the 880 in 1:56, Virginia Military Institute's coming from behind to nip Keydets won only one event, VMI's Nat Ward by a stride but made their depth pay off after Ward had led until the for the Southern Conference final 70 yards. The previous indoor track championship Saturday night in a close race to the wire with West Virginia.

The Keydets finished with 44 points, thanks to a 1-2-3 sweep in the high hurdles, to 40 for the runner-up Mountaineers and had been seeking their fourth consecutive team title.

Two conference indoor records were shattered in the meet at the VMI Fieldhouse. William and Mary's Jim Johnson clipped 3.3 seconds off the record for the mile run and Furman's Dave Tyler beat the previous record by one second in the 880-yard run.

Trailing the first three teams in the meet were William and Mary with 26 points, Virginia Tech 20, The Citadel 16, Davidson 10, and Richmond five.

Furman captured four events, but its bid for another title failed because the Paladins had no depth to match either VMI, a long-time conference power, or up-and-coming West Virginia.

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Johnson was the meet's only double winner, coming back after his record-setting exhibition in the mile run to annex the two-mile in 9 minutes, 39 seconds, two seconds slower than the 9:37 mark that is the oldest in the conference. It was set in 1937.

Johnson, who had set records in every meet in which he has run this winter, smashed the record for the mile with a 4:18.5 performance although no one offered him the faintest challenge.

The W&M star was 50 yards in front at the end of three laps, opened his lead to 100 yards going into the fifth lap and finally hit the tape about 250 yards in front of Furman's Curt Hollifield.

The previous record for the mile, set in 1957 by VMI's Dave Pitkethly, was 4:21.8.

TRIPLE JUMP—J. W. Carter, (Tech), Henry Pasquet, (Tech), Jim Sherrard, (VMI); Mickey Finn, (VMI); Maurice Moon, (WVU). 44 feet, 6 inches.

MILE RUN—Jim Johnson, Curt Hollifield, (Furman); Ed Engle, (VMI); Roger Meador, (WVU); Ralph Morrissey, (WVU). 4:18.5, (Conference indoor record. Previous record 4:21.8 set by Dave Pitkethly, VMI, 1957.)

40-YARD DASH—Tommy Thompson, (Furman); Alan Turner, (Davidson); Sam McCormick, (Richmond); Kent Harris, (Tech); Dee Stallings, (VMI). :06.3.

SHOT PUT—James Karwaski, (WVU); Joe Green, (W&M); Steve Whaley, (WVU); Fred Feldman, (The Citadel); Harold Hudgins, (Tech). 50 feet, 5 inches.

500-YARD RUN—Pat Anderson, (Furman); Bill Hurley, (W&M); Frank Louthan, (VMI); John Randolph, (W&M); Gary Pinder, (The Citadel) 1:01.4.

BROAD JUMP—Will Bowden (The Citadel); Jim Sherrard (VMI); Henry Pasquet (Tech); Ge Merritt (Furman); Jim Kusheba (Richmond). 22 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

70-YARD HIGH HURDLES—Hank Cronin (VMI); Buddy Beall (VMI); John Baillo (VMI); no fourth, disqualification; Ashley Pennebaker (Furman). :08.8.

HIGH JUMP—Maurice Moon (WVU); Tom Miller (The Citadel); Tle, Len Crowther, (Tech); Dick Graves (VMI), and Ge Merritt (Furman). 6 feet, 4 1/4 inches.

TWO MILE—Jim Johnson, (W&M); Ralph Morrissey (WVU); Don Sweeney (WVU); Ron Meador (WVU); Steve Jackson (W&M). 9:39.0.

800-YARD RUN—Doyle Tyler (Furman); Nat Ward (VMI); John Irby (Furman); Frank Louthan (VMI); Ron Jones (Richmond). 1:56.0. (Conference indoor record. Previous record 1:57.0 set by Thad Talley, (Furman), 1961.)

70-YARD LOW HURDLES—(six hurdles)—Alan Turner (Davidson); Will Bowden (The Citadel); Buddy Beall (VMI); Maurice Moon (WVU); Hank Cronin (VMI). :08.1.

POLE VAULT—Ed Zuraw, (WVU); Terry Mowery (WVU); Norm Madigan (Tech); Gene Griffin (W&M); Jim Sturgis (VMI). 13 feet, 6 inches.

MILE RELAY—Furman (Tommy Thompson, Pat Anderson, Gee Merritt, Gary Wales), William & Mary, West Virginia, VMI, Davidson. 3:32.4