

Keydets Win Track Title As Seven Records Fall

LXINGTON, March 6—(AP)—VMI's Keydets made a shambles of the Southern Conference indoor track meet Saturday night, winning five events, setting three records, and stacking up 64½ points for their seventh conference championship in 12 years.

West Virginia, which had been considered a strong challenger for VMI's crown, struggled home second with 37½ points to Furman's 34 and William and Mary's 24½. Trailing were Richmond, 14; Virginia Tech, 7½; Davidson, 7. The Citadel, 6.

All told, seven conference indoor records fell in the 13-event program in the VMI Fieldhouse and another was tied. Two contestants—William and Mary's long-striding distance star, Jim Johnson, and VMI's Jim Sherrard—each established two records.

Johnson broke his own conference marks in the mile and two mile while Sherrard had record leaps in the broad jump and triple jump.

VMI, by far the deepest team in the field, scored heavily in almost every event including the ones it didn't win. West Virginia's downfall came when the Mountaineers failed to score as heavily as they had been expected to in the field events. They won only one—the pole vault—in which John Carter set a record at 14 feet, 5½ inches.

Johnson was clocked in 4:15.4 in the mile, cutting three seconds off the record he had set here last year. Then he came back for a 9:29.6 two mile, almost 10 seconds faster than his record of a year ago.

Furman's Frank Sailer, a towering sophomore from West Palm Beach, Fla., who has been practicing with the track team only 10 days, cracked the high jump record with a leap of 6 feet, 6½ inches—an inch and a half higher than the record that had stood since 1953. West Virginia's defending champion, Maurice Moon, finished second.

VMI's Jim Sherrard added 2½ inches to the broad jump standard with a jump of 23 feet, 3½ inches—the best of his career. Sherrard, a senior, was followed by another VMI star, Tom Rhodes. The previous broad jump had been set in 1959.

Sherrard came back later to annex the triple jump with a leap of 45 feet, 8½ inches, and thus join Johnson as a double winner.

Richmond's Sam McCormick tied the record in winning the 60-yard dash in 6.2 seconds, and there were automatic records in three events which were run at new distances.

HIGH JUMP—Frank Sailer (Furman); Maurice Moon (West Virginia); Colin Campbell (VMI); Ashley Pennebaker (Furman); Tie, Gary Smith (Tech); Bruce Statham (Tech); Dick Graves (VMI), and Sam McCormick (Richmond). H—6-6½. (Conference indoor record. Previous record 6-5 set by Bee Lankford, Tech, 1953.)

BROAD JUMP—Jim Sherrard (VMI); Tom Rhodes (VMI); Gee Merritt (Furman); Maurice Moon (West Virginia); John Decher (VMI). D—23-3½. (Conference indoor record. Previous record 23-1 set by Jim Nichols, Tech, 1959.)

MILE RUN—Jimmy Johnson (William & Mary); Ed Engle (VMI); Curtis Hollifield (Furman); Tom Heffner (Davidson); Ed Fliertz (West Virginia). T—4:15.4. (Conference indoor record. Previous record 4:18.5 set by Johnson, 1964.)

SHOT PUT—Roger Bates (William &

Mary); Steve Whaley (West Virginia); Jim Karweski (West Virginia); Fred Feldman (Citadel); Dick Moring (VMI). D—51-8½.

40-YARD DASH—Sam McCormick (Richmond); Shannon Dawson (Furman); Bob Crute (Richmond); Al Turner (Davidson); John Campbell (West Virginia). T—:06.2. (Ties conference record.)

600-YARD RUN—Norm Radford (VMI); John Crotty (VMI); Bill Hurley (William & Mary); Chip Abbott (Tech); Pat Anderson (Furman). T—1:12.2. (Automatic record. New event.)

60-YARD HIGH HURDLES—Shannon Dawson (Furman); Dabney Pasco (VMI); Ashley Pennebaker (Furman); Buddy Beall (VMI). T—:07.3. (Automatic record. New distance.)

TRIPLE JUMP—Jim Sherrard (VMI); Ron Josef (Citadel); Maurice Moon (West Virginia). Ed Zuraw (West Virginia); Tom Rhodes (VMI). D—45-8½ inches. (Conference record. Previous record 45-6½ set by Bill Elliott, The Citadel.)

TWO MILE RUN—Jimmy Johnson (William & Mary); Don Sweeney (West Virginia); Howard Jackson (West Virginia); Jack Frazer (VMI); Joe Philpott (William & Mary). 9:29.6. (Conference indoor record. Previous record 9:39.0 set by Johnson, 1964.)

880-YARD RUN—Ed West (Furman); Frank Louthan (VMI); Nat Ward (VMI); Ronnie Jones (Richmond); Ronnie Reese (Davidson). T—1:57.4.

60-YARD LOW HURDLES—Dabney Pasco (VMI); Buddy Beall (VMI); Shannon Dawson (Furman); Al Turner (Davidson); Maurice Moon (West Virginia). T—:06.8. (Automatic record. New distance.)

POLE VAULT—John Carter (West Virginia); Tie, Gene Griffin (William & Mary) and Ed Zuraw (West Virginia); Terry Gallagher (Tech); Al Werwa (Furman). H—14-5½. (Conference indoor record. Previous record 14-4 set by Bill Keel, Furman, 1962.)

MILE RELAY—VMI (Barry Walker, Colin Blakemore, John Crotty, Norm Radford); Richmond; Tech; William & Mary; West Virginia. T—3:26.3. (Conference indoor record. Previous record 3:28.5 set by Furman, 1963.)

FINAL TEAM SCORES—VMI 64½, West Virginia 37½, Furman 34, William & Mary 24½, Richmond 14, Virginia Tech 7½, Davidson 7, The Citadel 6.