

# VMI Edges ETSU Buccaneers

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JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — A word sometimes overused in sports these days is class, but that is just what Coach Dave Walker showed after his East Tennessee State Buccaneers lost a close battle to Virginia Military Institute for the Southern Conference track championship.

"There'll be another day," said Walker, after VMI won the last event of the day, the mile relay, to take a 173-167 win over second-place ETSU.

Walker watched the Buccaneer relay team take third in the race from the stands, then he walked out on the track, congratulated the winning coach and started checking to

make sure the wrapup on the meet went smoothly.

"Actually, it went better than I thought it would for us," Walker explained after the meet. "We got some points from our sprinters I didn't anticipate but I undersold our team, like I have a tendency to do."

The two-day indoor track and field meet, held here at the Buc-Dome, saw four new Southern Conference records set and another tied.

VMI passed the league mark of 3:20.9 in the mile relay, the event that gave them the championship, with a time of 3:14.91. Eugene Scott had a 51 feet, three inch jump to surpass the old record of 51-0½ and Appalachian State's Jordan Laffette ran a 47.69 440 for a new

record, beating VMI's Dennis Watts 1978 mark of 49.7.

Mark Scruton of ETSU set a new conference record in the 880 preliminaries Friday night, running a 1:11.66, and although he didn't do as well in the finals Saturday, he did win the race with a 1:52.25 mark. The old record, set in 1972 by James Kidd of East Carolina, was 1:53.2.

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### Final Team Standings

VMI — 173; ETSU — 167; Appalachian St. 88; Marshall — 53; The Citadel — 34; Furman — 29; W. Carolina — 9; UT-Chattanooga — 4; Davidson — 1

### Saturday's Results

#### 35-Pound Hammer Throw

Pat McCarthy, VMI — 47-8½; Josh Lott, Furman — 45-11½; David Saunders, VMI — 45-11; Phil Sordian, The Citadel — 44½; Jay Samuels, ASU — 40-9½; Ozzie Belcher,

VMI — 39-10½

#### Pole Vault

David Ward, ASU — 15-6; D. Thompson, Marshall — 15-0; R. Mettendorf, Marshall — 14-0; B. Burke, Citadel — 14-0; John Casale, ASU — 14-0; C. Campsen, Citadel — 13-6

#### Triple Jump

Eugene Scott, VMI — 51-3; Paul Perry, VMI — 50-7; Malcolm Grimes, VMI — 50-2½; Greg Davis, ETSU — 47-7½; Jerome Williams, VMI — 47-2; Don Mitchell, ASU — 46-8½

#### High Jump

Bob Jacobs, Citadel — 6-10; Jon Orcutt, Furman — 6-8; Bobby Terry, ASU — 6-8; Kenny Fritz, UT-C — 6-6; Dale Davis, VMI — 6-6; Craig Davis, Marshall — 6-4

#### Mile Run

Jody Weatherwax, VMI — 4:08.01; Adrian Leek, ETSU — 4:08.73; Ben Turpin, ETSU — 4:08.73; Noel Shannon, ETSU — 4:10.44; Louis Kenny, ETSU — 4:11.34; Zane Branson, ETSU — 4:12.17

#### 60-Yard Dash

Ernie Halstead, ETSU — 6:43; Gary McNeal, VMI — 6:46; Dennis McCorkle, ASU — 6:50; David Browning, ETSU — 6:53; David Washington, VMI — 6:54; Arthur Armstead, VMI — 6:55

#### 600-Yard Run

Mac Williams, VMI — 1:12.32; Herman Brown, ETSU — 1:13.21; William Strickland, VMI — 1:13.63; Jimmy San-

ders, ASU — 1:14.03; Joe Sassler, Marshall — 1:14.21; Kevin David, VMI — 1:14.40

#### 60-Yard Hurdles

Tim Bridges, VMI — 7:51; Jim Scott, Citadel — 7:58; Malcolm Grimes, VMI — 7:59; Tony Black, ASU — 7:68; David Washington, VMI — 7:77

#### 440-Yard Run

Jordan Laffette, ASU — 47:69; Dennis Watts, VMI — 48:88; Ben Judge, VMI — 49:43; Clovis Locke, ETSU — 49:87; Greg Davis, ETSU — 49:90; Rich Beasley, ASU — 50:00

#### Two-Mile Run

Louis Kenny, ETSU — 9:11.07; Adrian Leek, ETSU — 9:11.09; Mike Dixon, ETSU — 9:11.09; Ron Carroll, ETSU — 9:11.13; Ben Turpin, ETSU — 9:14.15; David Hale, Furman — 9:20.75

#### 1,000-Yard Run

Jody Weatherwax, VMI — 2:12.45; Mel Henderson, ASU — 2:14.45; Zane Branson, ETSU — 2:15.54; Noel Shannon, ETSU — 2:18.24; John Dotson, Marshall — 2:20.89; Jim Demers, Citadel — 2:21.01

#### 880-Yard Run

Mark Scruton, ETSU — 1:52.25; Tim Koon, Marshall — 1:54.53; Joey Keys, VMI — 1:55.49; J.C. Caudle, ETSU — 1:55.96; Terry Blankenship, Marshall — 1:56.0; Ron Caton, ASU — 1:58.0

#### Mile Relay

VMI — 3:14.91; ASU — 3:15.85; ETSU — 3:15.91; Furman — 3:16.0

## FINALS

Long jump — 1. Grimes (VMI) 24-10  $\frac{1}{4}$  (SC record, old mark 24-4 by Andre Gibson, VMI, 1977); 2. Scott (VMI), 3. McGill (WCU), 4. Mitchell (App.), 5. Horton (ET), Porter (App).

Shot put — 1. Johns (Mar) 55- $\frac{1}{4}$  (SC record, old mark 54-6  $\frac{1}{2}$  by Johns, 1978), 2. Tocci (Cit), 3. Keeter (App), 4. Cebula (Mar), 5. Cunningham (App), 6. Martin (WCU).

Distance medley — 1. ETSU (Caudell, David, Turpin, Leek) 9:57.8 (SC record, old mark 10:11.9 by Furman, 1976), 2. Appalachian, 3. Furman, 4. VMI, 5. West Carolina, 6. The Citadel.

Two-mile relay — 1. ETSU (Turpin, Shannon, Caudell, Scruton), 7:41.31 (SC record, old mark 7:42.1 by William & Mary, 1974), 2. VMI, 3. Marshall, 4. Appalachian, 5. Furman, 6. West Carolina.