W&M Nips VPI In State Track, 73-69, On Off-Day; Clark Cited

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CHARLOTTESVILLE — William and Mary had a “bad” day but still emerged with its 11th straight State outdoor meet track title in cold and windy Charlottesville Tuesday.

After bringing Maryland’s track titans back down to earth in a dual-meet triumph Sunday, the Indians were due for a letdown.

It almost proved costly as Coach John Randolph’s Indians sneaked off with only a four-point victory, 73-69, over runner-up Virginia Tech.

“That’s the closest that we’ve come to losing in a long time,” said Randolph, “but I’m satisfied with the team’s performance. I didn’t expect us to look as sharp as we did against Maryland, and we didn’t go all out to win. For example, we didn’t double up a lot of our top guys.

Virginia State finished third with 42 points, followed by Richmond 41, Virginia 33, Virginia Union 18, and Virginia Military 9.

The big races for the Indians were the six-mile and three-mile runs. They picked up 13 points by taking the top three places in the six miles. Junior Peter Dowd led the way with a 30:06.4, followed by Randy Fields and Gene Schulz.

“Dowd ran one of the gutsiest races I’ve ever seen. He started throwing up the last two laps but kept going,” remarked Baxter Berryhill, who rides hard on the Tribe distance runners.

Needing points desperately in a dog-fight for the crown with Virginia Tech, the three-miles hauled in 11 points down the stretch as Steve Snyder romped home first in 14:07.1, freshman Tim Cook was third and Fields fourth.

A first place in the high jump by Fred (Flip) Topeka