Peninsulars Sizzle; Gobblers Belt VMI

BLACKSBURG (Special to Daily Press) — Former Peninsula athletes turned in several outstanding performances Monday as Virginia Tech ripped VMI 96-58 in a college track confrontation.

Bethel graduate Robert Drum threw the hammer 178 feet for a Virginia Tech record to win that event. He also captured first in the discus with a distance of 145 feet 7 inches as he led the Gobblers to their easy victory.

Despite the lopsided defeat, the Keydets turned in several outstanding performances. They swept the long jump with freshman Eugene Scott from Bethel (23'11½'') and Denbigh's Malcolm Grimes (23'9'') finishing second and third behind Andre Gibson (24'½'').

Grimes won the 440 intermediate hurdles with a time of 54.3 and then finished second in the triple jump behind teammate Paul Perry of Denbigh who leaped 50'1''.

Scott, who took third in the 200 meter dash, was part of the Keydets' 440 relay quartet along with Kecoughtan graduate Dennis Watts which set a school mark of 42.0 despite a mishandled exchange. The Gobblers won the event in 41.9.

VMI Coach Wade Williams commended former Warwick High School standout distance star Rex Wiggins for winning the 1,500 meters in 3:55 and then coming back for a second place in the 800 meters with a time of 1:54.

VPI's Clyde Blueford (Bethel) won the 440 yard dash in 49.1.