Virginia Tech Trackmen Wallop VMI Keydets In Meet

BLACKSBURG—Two new school records were set and two others tied as Virginia Tech rolled over old rival VMI Monday 97-58 in the first Hokie home track meet in five years.

Junior Robert Drum of Hampton broke one Tech record with a toss of 178 feet in the hammer throw and sophomore David Sage of Hobbs, N.M., set a new mark of 222 9/10 in the javelin, eclipsing his former record of 214.

Sophomore Dennis Scott of Jesup, Ga., tied the 100 meter record with a time of 10.2 and senior Keith Neff of the British West Indies tied the pole vault record at 16 6/8.

Sprinter Andre Releford of Kingsport, Tenn., expected to be one of coach Russ Whitmack's top performers again this season, may be out the entire season with a pulled hamstring suffered at the end of indoor track season.

Whitmack said that Releford, who has a year of eligibility remaining, will be on the team next year while he completes his academic work.

The coach was pleased with the large turnout for the meet and said that he is seeking to schedule two home meets next year. A meet with Virginia already has been confirmed and one is being sought with either Madison or Richmond. Uncertain spring weather has hampered past attempts to schedule more meets at home, he reported.

The meet results:

HUMMER: (1) Drum (VT), 178; (2) O'Connor (VT); (3) Whelan (VMI).

SHOT: (1) Steranko (VT), 51 9/10; (2) Wheeler (VT); (3) Bishop (VT).

JAVELIN: (1) Sage (VT), 222 9/10; (2) Traynor (VMI); (3) McNeil (VMI).

LONG JUMP: (1) Gibson (VMI), 24 11/16; (2) Scott (VT); (3) Grimes (VMI).

HIGH JUMP: (1) Cohen (VT), 6 3/4; (2) Higgins (VT); (3) Robinson (VMI).

POLE VAULT: (1) Neff (VT), 16 6/8; (2) Morris (VT); (3) Donnelly (VT).

DISCUS: (1) Drum (VT), 145 7/8; (2) Bishop (VT); (3) Steranko (VT).

440 INT. HURDLES: (1) Griffin (VMI), 54.7; (2) Radford (VT); (3) Hartman (VT).

200: (1) Fallen (VT), 21.7; (2) Watts (VMI); (3) Scott (VT).

800: (1) Goode (VT); (2) Wiggins (VMI); (3) Moore (VMI).

1600: (1) White (VT); (2) Crano (VT); (3) Andrews (VMI).

49.1; (2) Schlickmann (VMI); (3) Sullivan (VMI).

5K: (1) Scott (VT), 10.2; (2) Faller (VT); (3) McNeil (VMI).

MILE RELAY: (1) Faller (VT); (3) Andrews (VMI); (3) Miller (VT).

5000 METERS: (1) White (VT); (2) Crano (VT); (3) Miller (VT).

SCOTT TURNS IT ON—Dennis Scott (left) turns on the speed midway through the 100 meter run to outdistance teammate Larry Fallen (center) who finished second in the event.

LEWIS WINS—Freshman Kenny Lewis of Danville clears a hurdle with ease on his way to winning the 110 meter high hurdles in Monday's home track meet for Virginia Tech. (Staff photos by Bill Mason)

NEFF CLEARS BAR—Senior Keith Neff tied a Tech record with his pole vault of 16 feet 9 inches Monday as the Hokies defeated the VMI Keydets in a dual meet.