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Auburn's high-riding harriers met their match here Monday when Florida State University's exciting young cross country team outran them on a course altered to four instead of five miles just for Auburn.

Ken Misner won overall in impressive fashion to lead the Seminoles to a 25-30 victory. Misner stayed with the leaders until the fourth mile and then

pulled away to a time of 21:55.8.

According to Coach Mike Long, the Auburn team was definitely the team to beat. "They seemed to be riding high for this one and carrying hopes of ending the Tennessee dynasty."

"Auburn won the Callaway Gardens meet that we canceled because of Homecoming last Saturday. They beat both Florida and Georgia Tech, too, and I was

very satisfied with the win."

Captain Marc Williamson finished fourth behind two Auburn runners, Tim Kelley and Jack Beiersdorfer, but Bob Thomas followed him and only one Auburn harrier separated State's next two finishers.

Joe Law nailed down a seventh place and Tom Rickards came through with an outstanding effort to finish eighth ahead of Auburn's fourth man.

"That is where we won it," said Long. "I think we did a great job competitively and we have considerable room for improvement. We can go farther; we must go farther from here. We have to make a substantial physical jump but this meet has helped our morale and given the men an idea of just how far they have to go."

The biggest problem to the team is the way it is spread out over such a wide variety of times. The gap between Misner and Williamson alone was 33 seconds.

The closest FSU finisher to Rickards was Sid Merchant in 11th. He was followed by Jack Castner in twelfth and Bob Courter in fourteenth.