Harriers Loose 28-27 To U of South Florida

Ken Misner turned in a winning time of 20 minutes and 55 seconds over a four-mile, 200-yard course at the University of South Florida I Tampa Saturday afternoon only to see his Florida State teammates miss winning the cross-country contest to South Florida by one point.

FSU runners were edged out 27-28, adding up points for the top five finishers, the lowest score winning.

Coach Darryl Guthrie, in charge of the team while head coach Mike Long attends the Olympics, said that the deciding factor in the meet was the eighth and tenth finish of two of the Seminoles.

Had one of these men beaten the South Florida man ahead of him, Florida State would have hd a winning margin. Two South Florida runners, Del Lewis and Bart Smith, finished second and third ahead of FSU's second man, Bob Thomas who had a time of 21:52 for fourth place.

Fifth for the Seminoles was Tom Rickards. Pat O'Toole in eighth place, followed two more South Florida runners and Jack Castner finished 10th for FSU, just seven seconds behing the ninth place man.

Because of injuries in pre-season practice, the Seminoles have been hurt in depth. Nevertheless, Coach Guthrie reported that several of the runners had improved their times almost a minute over the October 5 Daytona Beach Run in which the Seminoles finished sixth.

Misner did not compete in the Daytona meet because of a cut foot. The FSU harriers should show a

marked improvement when they travel to Callaway Gardens, Ga. next Saturday for the Callaway Gardens Invitational.