

Ken Misner, Florida State's premiere distance runner, continues his drive toward All-America recognition today. The Seminoles race Georgia Tech here in their final dual meet of the fall cross-country season.

The St. Petersburg junior is undefeated in dual competition this year, and has set course records just about everywhere he has been.

His latest assault came at Florida, where he broke the four-mile mark in a dual meet Monday. Although the Seminoles lost to the powerful Gator squad, Misner ran away from the field.

His 18:43 clocking was not only the fastest ever at the Florida circuit, but was also the fastest four miles run in the Southeast this fall.

"Ken is making great strides toward the NCAA championships at the end of the month," said Coach Dick Roberts. "Barring the unusual, and if he really sets his mind to it, I am sure that he will be among the top finishers."

All-America status in cross-country is awarded to the first 15 finishers in the national meet and many observers feel Misner stands a good chance of moving well up in that circle.

A youngster who never seems satisfied with his own performance, Misner has shown improvement each season, and this year especially.

The Seminoles will have only the state championships left before the NCAA meet. The state meet will be in Gainesville just three days before the NCAA, and coaches are hopeful it will serve as a good warmup for Misner.