

Ken Misner, Bobby Brooks and Del Ramers led Florida State to an easy victory in the state cross-country championships Friday afternoon at the FSU Golf Course.

The Seminoles dominated the meet from start to finish, placing the first three men across the finish line enroute to a 21-point total. South Florida placed second with 47 points, while Florida was third with 52.

It was the third straight individual championship for Misner, who ran a blistering 19:51 — breaking the old course record by 25 seconds. A senior from St. Petersburg, Misner became the first person to break the 20-minute mark on the four-mile circuit.

Brooks, another product from the Pinellas area, was the chief reason for the fast pace. A freshman, who has shown great promise all year, he led the runners out very quickly.

Still running strong at the end, Brooks finished second in 20-minutes even. He was followed by teammate Del Ramers.

Misner was Brooks' biggest fan at the meet's end. "Bobby ran a great race," said the Seminole team captain. "I was almost ashamed to pass him and beat him after he did such a great job taking us out."

Misner, who stayed with Brooks throughout, did not make his move until the final three-quarters of a mile. Brooks' finishing time was 16-seconds better than the old course record.

Mark O'Brien, who last year led Leon High to the state cross-championship, was the fourth Seminole across the line, placing sixth. Jack Wise placed ninth for the Tribe.

Coswell DePieza from South Florida and Roy Benjamin from Florida were the first finishers from their schools to cross the finish line. They were fourth and fifth, respectively.

The results: 1—Ken Misner (FSU) 19:51.0 2—Bobby Brooks (FSU) 3—Del Ramers (FSU) 4—Coswell DePieza (USF) 5—Roy Benjamin (UF) 6—Mark O'Brien (FSU) 7—Mike Godey (USF) 8—Ron Nabors (UF) 9—Jack Wise (FSU) 10—Mike Ogle (USF).