

A somewhat nervous Florida State gymnastics team was back home today following a sixth-place finish in the NCAA gymnastics championships at East Lansing, Mich., over the week-end.

Coach Hartley Price's Seminoles made a strong showing despite harrowing airplane experiences that caused a 16-hour delay in their arrival at the NCAA site. Because of delays caused by spring storms, the Seminoles didn't arrive in East Lansing until midnight Thursday.

The NCAA championship was shared by two teams. Michigan State and Illinois tied for the crown with 79 points each. De-throned was Penn State, which finished third.

Iowa placed fourth and Michigan fifth just ahead of Florida State. Others in the top 10 were Army, Pitt, Western Illinois, and Ohio State.

Top Seminole performances were turned in by Chic Cicio

(third in free exercise), Larry Lamlin (fifth in free exercise), and Laird Anderson (fifth in rope climb).

"Considering the circumstances, I was well pleased with out sixth-place finish," Price said. "We don't feel too badly."

Twice winners of the NCAA crown (1951 and 1952) the Seminoles will compete in the NAAU meet in Los Angeles next month.