

With a young foursome running the swiftest dual-meet mile relay ever for Florida State, the Seminoles opened their home track season yesterday with a 71½-59½ triumph over Alabama's tough Crimson Tide.

It was FSU's second dual victory this season and the Tribe's eighth straight success since last losing to LSU in 1959. The outcome was particularly satisfying for Coach Mike Long's Seminoles, who had finished well behind Alabama in two team indoor meets earlier this season.

ENTER RELAYS

FSU and Alabama join 21 other colleges in the 18th Florida Relays at Gainesville tomorrow.

The Seminoles wrapped up yesterday's meet in the mile relay, the next-to-last event. Leading at that stage by 62½-54½, FSU got clutch performances from Tom Houston, Craig Johnson, Bill Davis, and Quentin Till. That quartet ran the relay in 3:17.5, fastest ever on the Seminole track.

Each team won seven first places and shared in another first. But a commanding edge in second-places and 1-2 finishes in the 100 and 220-yard dashes and the high jump gave FSU its 12-point edge.

Johnson, Atlanta sophomore, was the meet's high scorer. Besides running a fine lap in the mile relay, Johnson took firsts in the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

TOP FIRSTS

Other FSU firsts were recorded by Don Ostergaard with a top effort in the shot put; Steve Long, who cleared 6-5 in the high jump; Herb Kraft in the broadjump; Barry Topper in the javelin, and Ed Hays and Franklin Ford, who tied Alabama's Jim Teague in the pole vault.

Alabama runners figured in three track records. Wilbur Huffman set a track record in the high hurdles (14.5) before pulling a muscle later in the low hurdles. Gordon Graham ran two miles in 9:52.5 for a track record. And Charlie Moseley tied the low-hurdle track record with a 23.4-second clocking.

Following the Florida Relays, the Seminoles meet Furman in a dual meet here Monday.

Mile run—1. Graham, A. 2. Roberts, FSU. 3. Sumner, A. 4:25.5.

Shot put—1. Ostergaard, FSU. 2. Carter, A. 3. Dyer, A. 53-3.

440 run—1. Cook, A. 2. Till, FSU. 3. Butler, A. :49.1.

100 dash—1. Johnson, FSU. 2. Hamilton, FSU. 3. Moseley, A. :10.0.

High hurdles—1. Hufham, A. 2. Anderson, A. 3. Welch, FSU. :14.5 (track record).

High jump—1. S. Long, FSU. 2. O'Brien, FSU. 3. Smith, FSU, and Dillard, A. tie, 4-5.

220 run—1. B. Jennings, A. 2. Davis, FSU. 3. Ella, A. 1:34.0.

220 dash—1. Johnson, FSU. 2. Till, FSU. 3. Cook, A. :21.7.

Pole Vault—1. Hays, FSU. Ford, FSU, and Teague, A. tie, 12-0.

Broad jump—1. Kraft, FSU. 2. Moseley, A. 3. T. Jennings, A. 22-1½.

Javelin—1. Topper, FSU. 2. Carter, A. 3. Edney, FSU. 178-234.

Low Hurdles—1. Moseley, A. 2. T. Long, FSU. 3. Anderson, A. :23.4 (ties track record).

Two-mile run—1. Graham, A. 2. Mills, FSU. 3. Poet, A. 9:42.5 (track record).

Mile relay—1. FSU (Houston, Johnson, Davis, Till). 2. Alabama. 3:17.5. (track record).

Discus—1. Dyer, A. 2. Clark, FSU. 3. Ostergaard, FSU. 134-115.