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TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—Florida State showed strength in the running events, but Florida's Gators controlled the field events and won the Gulf Coast Five-Way Track Meet Saturday.

Florida State and Alabama tied for second with 55 points, while Florida used its field event wins to roll up 82½. Auburn finished a close fourth with 52½, while Mississippi State finished fifth with 27.

An injury to freshman Joel Garren ended Florida State's hopes of catching the Gators late in the day. Garren, who had recorded the best qualifying time in the 220-yard dash in the morning, pulled a muscle in the finals of that event and was lost for the rest of the meet.

Garren was expected to anchor the mile relay team, but without him, FSU finished fifth. Garren had clocked a 21.3 in the 220 qualifying race while the winning time in the finals was 21.6.

Florida State's strongest bid came in the two distance events, both won by senior Ken Misner. Del Ramers gave FSU a 1-2 finish in the mile run, with Misner clocking a 4:08.3 time. He set the meet record in the event last year with a 4:06.5.

In the three-mile run, it was Misner first and Ramers third, with Misner setting a meet record with 14:18.0.

In other running events, FSU finished second in the 440-yard relay behind Alabama although setting a school record in the event. The team of Jimmy Cofer, Doug Brown, Jimmy Broun and Joel Garren was clocked at 40.9.

Brown finished third in the 100-yard dash as well.

Jack Wise was fifth in the 880, while Snapper Starnes, a freshman from Leon High, placed fifth in the 440 intermediate hurdles.

John Fuss won high hurdles, tying the meet record in 14.2 seconds.

In field events, Chuck Crowder was fourth in the shot put with a toss of 55 feet; Bruce Campbell was second in the discus with 166 feet; three FSU jumpers — Jim Sowers, Steve Smith, Charlie Galloway — tied for fifth place in the high jump; and Galloway was fifth in the long jump.

Jim Buck upped the school record in the javelin for the third time this year with a throw of 233-7, good for second place, and Bill Jackson broke his own school record and placed second with a pole vault of 16-1.

Next week, Coach Mike Long will take Misner, Jackson and Galloway to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa. Galloway will compete in the decathlon, in which he placed tenth in the nation last year. Misner will compete in the three-mile and six-mile runs, Jackson in the pole vault. All three have qualified for this year's nationals.