

Roberson, Merrick key FSU track performance

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Mike Roberson and Don Merrick led Florida State's track team to an impressive performance in the strong Tom Black Classic here Saturday night as the Seminoles placed among the top four in seven events.

Roberson had one of his strongest performances of the season, streaking to a second-place finish in the 110 high hurdles. His 13.5 seconds ties the fastest time recorded by a collegian this year. Charlie Foster of the Philadelphia Pioneer Track Club won the event in 13.3.

Merrick finished third in the 100-meter dash, leading a field that included world-record holder Steve Williams for the first 70 meters of the race.

Williams and Reggie Jones of Tennessee passed him, however, with Williams winning in 10.0. Jones was next 10.1, followed by

Merrick's school record 10.1.

Both Roberson and Merrick ran a leg on FSU's third-place 440 relay team. The Seminoles' 39.7 time was three tenths of a second off the Philadelphia Pioneers winning mark. Also on that team were Jesse Forbes and Marvin Dixon.

Henry Finney was the only winner for the Seminoles, capturing Division 1 of the long jump with a leap of 24-feet, 5-inches.

The Seminoles' mile relay team took fourth. Warner Miller, David Williams, Dixon, and Forbes combined for a 3:10.3 timing.

Jeff Nedimyer took third in the high jump at 7-0, while Phares Rolle was fourth in the pole vault with a jump of 16-3.

George West finished third among collegians in the 5,000 meters, and tenth overall. His 13:32.5 time at the 3-mile mark is an FSU record.

Tom Black Classic

KNOXVILLE (AP)—Results of the Tom Black Track Classic Saturday night at the University of Tennessee:

3,000-meter steeple chase—1. Ed Ledy (Knoxville TC) 8:35.6. 2 Ron Addison (Tenn) 8:37.2. 3 Mike Roche (NYAC) 8:40.6. 4 Dave Rainhardt (Shore AC) 8:43.3. 5 Barry Brown (Fla TC)

440-yard-relay—1. Philadelphia Pioneers (Ivory Crockett, Steve Riddick, Charles Joseph, Hasley Crawford) 39.4. 2 Tennessee 39.4. 3 Florida State 39.7. 4 Kentucky State 40.7. 5 Washington D.C. Striders 41.1.

Shot put—1 Don Allshouse (Ky.) 58-4. 2 John Eddins (Austin Peay) 67-2 1-4. 3 Rick McIntosh (Fla.) 56-3. 4 Roger De-Georges (Austin Peay) 54-11 1/2. 5 David Vaughn (Capitol City) 54-10 1/2.

110-meter hurdles—1 Charlie Foster (Phila. Pioneers) 13.3. 2 Mike Roberson (Fla. St.) 13.5. 3 Steve Darcus (Tenn) 13.6. 4 John Long (Fla. TC) 13.7. 5 Danny Smith (Unattached) 13.9.

400-meters—1 Fred Sowerby (D.C. Striders) 45.6. 2 Robert Taylor (Phila. Pioneers) 45.7. 3 Stan Vinson (Fla. TC) 46.0. 4 Richard Massey (Howard) 46.6. 5 Greg Anderson (KY St.) 46.9.

1500-meters—1 Dave Hill (Fla. TC) 3:40.8. 2 Steve Foster (Fla. TC) 3:41.3. 3 Ray Flynn (E. Tenn. St.) 3:41.5. 4 Richard Schartz (Duke) 3:42.4. 5 Steve Hall (Knoxville TC) 3:44.0.

High jump—1 Mark Branch (Tenn.) 7-2. 2 Bill Jankonis (NYAC) 7-2. 3 George Horne (Phila. Pioneers) 7-0. 4 Jeff Nedimyer (Fla. St.) 7-0. 5 Pat Matzoff (WISC. TC) 7-0.

100-meters—1 Steve Williams (Fla. TC) 10.0. 2 Reggie Jones (Tenn.) 10.1. 3 Don Merrick (Fla. St.) 10.1. 4 Ricci Gardner (Tenn.) 10.1. 5 Phil Trask (Knoxville TC) 10.3.

Long jump—1 Steve Cobb (Chicago TC) 25-9 3/4. 2 George Swanson (Ann Arbor TC) 25-6 3/4. 3 Bill Rea (Chicago TC) 25-4 3/4. 4 Henry Finney (Fla. St.) 24-8. 5 Eugene Collins (W. Carolina) 24-6.

Javelin—1 Tony Hall (Bruce TC) 284-3. 2 Phil Olsen (Tenn.) 268-2. 3 Ken Andrews (Unattached) 249-1. 4 Ralph Stuart (Clemson) 245-2. 5 Mike Matter (Bruce TC) 243-7.

800-meters—1 Joe Savage (NYAC) 1:47.6. 2 Brian McElroy (NYAC) 1:47.8. 3 Phil Barker (Furman) 1:48.1. 4 Bob Smith (Unattached) 1:48.2. 5 Ken Schapfer (NYAC) 1:48.3.

200-meters—1 Steve Williams (Fla. TC) 20.1. 2 Reggie Jones (Tenn.) 20.3. 3 Mike Sands (NY Pioneers) 20.7. 4 Dennis Walker (D.C. Striders) 20.8. 5 Ronnie Harris (Tenn.) 21.2.

400-meter hurdles—1 Ed Moses (Morehouse) 48.9. 2 Randolph Williams (KY. St.) 50.5. 3 Dick Bruggerman (Ohio TC) 50.7. 4 Clive Barriffe (Fla.) 50.8. 5 Nick Lee (D.C. Striders) 52.0.

500-meters—1 Mike Keogh (NYAC) 13:39.1. 2 Chris McCubbins (Ontario) 13:44.7. 3 Dick Bowerman (Chicago TC) 13:47.2. 4 Ron Martin (Unattached) 13:48.1. 5 Glenn Herold (Wisconsin TC) 13:48.4.