

Moore sets record at Invitational

Record-setting Kathy Moore of host Florida State and Michael Murphy of the University of Florida won the women's and men's university divisions Saturday to highlight the Seventh Annual Cross Country Invitational at Seminole Golf Course.

The meet, billed as the largest in the Southeast, featured competition in six divisions — including a prep division in which Leon's girls ran to a title behind Rose Desloge.

In other divisions, Gainesville's Tim Henry bested a men's open field of 250 runners in finishing the five-mile course in 24:57; five-time Florida Class AAAA cross country champion Largo overwhelmed the boys' high school field; and Seminole Junior College was an easy winner in its division.

Moore was pushed to her course record of 17:15.7 over three miles by

women's open division entrants Laura Ledbetter of the FSU Track Club and Nancy Shafer of the Florida Track Club.

The three were bunched within a few yards of each other most of the race with Moore running third in the early going. A closing uphill drive brought the FSU sophomore to victory — only 1.4 seconds ahead of Ledbetter. Shafer, who has dominated women's running in Central Florida for several years, finished third in 17:19.9.

FSU's women easily won the team title, 17-46, over the University of Alabama.

The men's division was highlighted by a duel between Murphy, a UF junior who was 23rd in this year's Boston Marathon, and FSU freshman Herb Wills.

Wills started slowly over the five-mile men's course but made his way through the pack to pull up to Murphy's shoulder with about a mile left in the race. However, Murphy sprinted into a short lead and then held off Wills' stretch drive to win in 24:32. Wills' time of 24:34, run on a sloppily, rain-slicked course, was nearly a minute better than his time over the same course last Saturday.

Murphy helped UF to the men's team title, 27-66, over Valdosta State. FSU finished a strong fifth.

Desloge won by 26 seconds in the girls' high school race, finishing two miles in 11:26.7. Ginger Bryant was fourth and Adrienne Gautier seventh to help Leon to its title.

Marcia Wills of Lincoln finished third in 12:11.4.

TRACK MEETS

FSU Invitational

Results of Saturday's 7th Annual Cross Country Invitational at the Seminole Country Club:

Boys high school

Individual (3 miles)

1) George Collier, Choctawhatchee, 14:41; 2) Keith Brantly, Winter Haven, 14:44; 3) Paul Waldron, St. Pete Catholic, 14:50; 4) Brian Van-Es, Largo, 15:03; 5) Ronnie Treadway, 15:13.

Team

1) Largo 37; 2) Choctawhatchee 120; 3) (tie) Winter Haven and Titusville Astronaut 141; 5) Jax White 164.

Girls high school

Individual (2 miles)

1) Rose Desloge, Leon, 11:26; 2) Sally Thomas, Melbourne, 11:52; 3) Marcia Wills, Lincoln, 12:11; 4) Ginger Bryant, Leon, 12:11; 5) Irene Donnelly, Colonial, 12:24.

Junior College

Individual (5 miles)

1) Mike Yarbrough, Jacksonville Junior College, 25:31; 2) Bruce Caldwell, Seminole Junior College, 25:40; 3) Jim Futch, Seminole Junior College, 25:51; 4) Bryan Artz, Seminole Junior College, 26:06; 5) George Wilson, Jacksonville Junior College, 26:16.

Team

1) Seminole 25; 2) Miami Dade South 69; 3) Santa Fe 85; 4) Florida Junior College at Jacksonville 90; 5) Miami Dade North 126.

University women

Individual (3 miles)

1) Kathy Moore, Florida State, 17:15.7 (course record); 2) Laura Ledbetter, Florida State Track Club, 17:17; 3) Nancy Shafer, Florida Track Club, 17:19; 4) Rose Giampalmo, Florida State, 17:41; 5) Nancy McCormac, Florida State, 17:42.

Team

1) Florida State 17; 2) Alabama 46.

University men

Individual (5 miles)

1) Michael Murphy, University of Florida, 24:32; 2) Herb Wills, Florida State University, 24:34; 3) Gary Gayman, University of Georgia, 24:39; 4) John Rogers, University of Florida, 24:43; 5) Seth Brown, University of Florida, 24:47.

Team

1) University of Florida 27; 2) Valdosta State 66; 3) University of Alabama 76; 4) University of Georgia 84; 5) Florida State 88.