

Cross Country Meets Tampa Misner to Enter Nationals

Rain and the Georgia Tech cross country team defeated the FSU runners Saturday in Atlanta 25-32.

But in the midst of defeat, FSU's Ken Misner once again led the field. Misner ran the 5 1/2 mile course in an excellent time of 27:44 as the rain and muddy field held up better times. FSU's Bob Thomas finished third and the other finishers in a losing cause were Tom Rickards, Joe Law, and Jack Castner.

Coach Mike Long noted depth as the difference in the teams. The Yellow Jackets have outstanding runners in the middle of their lineup as is evidenced by the score.

Long said, "They have strength throughout their team. It was a good competitive meet run under adverse conditions."

The Seminoles now are looking forward to the Florida Collegiate meet run on November 23 in Tampa. The team is defending co-state champions and will be challenged by strong teams from the University of Florida and South Florida.

The FSU team is 1-1 this year with USF and beat the Gators in their only meeting.

But UF did not run their freshmen in the FSU-UF meet, and the freshmen are their strongest runners. The 1968 state champions will probably come from either of these teams.

On November 25 the Cross Country National Championships will be run on the Manhattan College campus and FSU's own Ken Misner will be there.

Misner earned the berth by finishing first in three of his last four meets. His appointment marks the first time a Seminole runner has entered the Cross Country Nationals. Long remarked, "He will be running against the nation's best...we hope this will be a step toward national competition for him."



COACH MIKE LONG