

Cross Country Team Shines

Using a surprise fifth place finish by sophomore Del Ramers to pave the way, the Florida State cross country team brought home fourth place this weekend at the Southeastern NCAA Regional Championships held in Atlanta.

The Seminole runners took fourth despite some rather adverse circumstances that may have cost them at least second place if not the top spot.

William and Mary finished first in the meet with Southeastern Conference power Tennessee taking second and the University of Kentucky finishing third. Tennessee scored only nine points less than the Seminoles while the Wildcats of Kentucky were six points ahead.

One of the factors that may have caused the Seminoles the meet was the fact that Ken Misner was having a bout with a bad cold as well as a muscle strain. These probably caused the steady runner from FSU to only finish tenth instead of his usual first or second.

Another of the adversities was when Bobby Brooks became ill at about the halfway point in the meet. The illness forced him to stop for about 30 seconds and in that time he fell from 14th to 23rd, the position that he finished.

Overall, however, the showing was "much improved over the sixth place finish registered last week at Callaway Gardens Invitational," according to head cross country coach Dick C. Roberts.

Roberts was extremely pleased at the effort by Ramers and called his fifth place finish "his best performance since high school."

Roberts was Ramers' coach at Dunedin High School two years ago where Ramers set the state high school record in the mile with a time of 4:10, one that still stands today.

In his freshman year Ramers was hampered most of the season with various illnesses and didn't really get going until late in the track season. In the early meets this season he hadn't been that impressive either.

The number four man in the meet was freshman Mark O'Brien who finished one place behind Brooks in 25th. Jack Wise was the other Seminole finisher, taking 35th, a much improved performance over this 108th place last week.

Roberts said that it was a set of "unfortunate circumstances" that cost the team second, but still said that the squad showed more progress than the week before.

The fourth place in the meet qualifies the team for the NCAA Championships later this month. Roberts does not know, however, if the whole team will make the trip or not.

Next meet of the schedule for the team will be Monday against the University of Florida. The Gators have had a disappointing season to this point but will certainly be ready to give the Seminoles a tussle when they come to Tallahassee.

The meet will begin at 4 p.m. and will take place on the new course which is located on the University golf course.

William and Mary came in an easy first in the NCAA six-mile division with all of its allowed seven runners placing among the top 25. However, Howell Michael, who was the individual winner last year, finished a disappointing 11th.

SIX-MILE RACE

TEAM SCORES: William and Mary, 44; Tennessee, 68; Kentucky, 79; Florida State, 87; West Virginia, 142.

INDIVIDUALS: (1) Silvius, E. Ky., 17:16; (2) Nelson, Ky.; (3) Baldwin, Ky.; (4) Ortiz, W. Ky.; (5) Ramers, FSU; (6) Brown, Tenn.; (7) Herron, Tenn.; (8) Field, W&M; (9) Martin, W&M; (10) Misner, FSU; (11) Michaels, W&M; (12) Snyder, W&M; (13) O'Connell, Ky.; (14) Louv, W&M; (15) Kirton, Tenn.; (16) Walton, Ga. Tech; (17) Mosser, W. Va.; (18) Gosell, W&M; (19) Majors, Ga. Tech; (20) Self, Tenn.; (21) Fidler, Furman; (22) Benjamin, Fla.; (23) Brooks, FSU; (24) O'Brien, FSU; (25) Averett, W&M.

THREE-MILE RACE

TEAM SCORES: Florida Track Club, 17; University of Florida B-Team, 51; Georgia, 52; West Georgia, 98; Georgia Tech B-Team, 129.

INDIVIDUALS: (1) Galloway, FTC, 14:49.6; (2) Parker, FTC; (3) Slaver, FTC; (4) Kraiss, E. Ky.; (5) Curlin, Ga.; (6) Cordier, FTC; (7) Weber, W. Ky.; (8) Endris, FTC; (9) Stewart, Fla. B; (10) Shepherd, W. Ga.; (11) Vaughn, Fla. B; (12) Wolf, Ga.; (13) O'Keefe, Fla. B; (14) Durden, Ga.; (15) Nabers, Fla. B; (16) Spencer, Ga.; (17) Heins, Fla.; (18) Baxter, Ga.; (19) Dooley, W. Ga.; (20) Arnold, W. Ga.; (21) Whitmire, Ga. Tech B; (22) Davis, Ga.; (23) Fifield, W. Ga.; (24) Bruce, Fla. B; (25) Mullis, W. Ga.