

FSU Outruns UF and Rest Of the Field

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GAINESVILLE — Florida State's cross - country team captured three of the top five spaces plus the team championship at the Florida Invitational Intercollegiate here Saturday morning.

The Seminoles' Bobby Brooks out - distanced Florida's Brian Quinn for individual honors, covering the new five - mile layout in 25:17 for a course record in collegiate.

Quinn covered the distance in 25:35, just ahead of FSU's Del Ramers, who placed third.

Bobby James was fifth for the Seminoles. Bobby Burr was 11th and Tim Simpkins 20th, giving the Tribe a total of 20 points - seven more than second - place Auburn. The Tigers top four runners were seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th.

The meet was run concurrently with an individual open - division field, won by Barry Brown of the Florida Track Club. Former Florida State All - American Ken Misner was second.

FSU Cross Country takes Gainesville invite

The Florida State Cross Country Team put it all together in Gainesville last Saturday, and in an outstanding team effort, defeated a field of six universities to win the Gainesville Invitational by seven points.

With a compiled 47 points, FSU took three of the top five places. Bobby Brooks capturing first place honors in a time of 25:17, Del Ramers,

third, Bob James, fifth, Bob Burr, eleventh, and Tim Simpkins, twentieth.

FSU was extremely motivated for the Gainesville meet, considering it was beaten in its own Tallahassee Invitational only the week before by a strong Alabama team. Alabama, instead of running Gainesville, chose to compete in a dual meet with Auburn only two days after winning in Tallahassee, and

were soundly defeated. Therefore, Auburn became the team to beat, which is exactly what the Seminoles did.

Credit is due to three particular cross country team members. In the Tallahassee home meet Bob James was stricken with heat cramps a mile from the finish line, and dropped out of his seventh position, only to get up again in a short while and finish in 21st place, thus insuring FSU of a second place overall standing in the meet. Bobby Brooks went from being the number three runner after the South Alabam Invitational to the number one team runner in Gainesville, and Tim Simpkins improved his time over two minutes and his standing from 33rd to 15th place in one week.

Because of a couple of ailing members, the entire team decided not to compete this weekend at the Calloway Gardens Invitational, and instead planned to get ready for its last meet of the season against a tough University of Florida team in a dual meet October 27.