FSU runners score well

Florida State's classy track team scored a pair of victories in last weekend's Florida Relays, but a strained muscle to star sprinter Don Merrick may have cost it wins in three more events.

Freshman Mike Roberson won the 110-meter high hurdles in an outstanding 13.8, and poll vaulter Phares Rolle won his specialty with a leap of 16 feet, 6 inches. Rolle is the Relays record holder since he vaulted 17-1 last year in Gainesville.

Merrick had anchored the Seminoles' 440-yard relay team to a meet and track record time of 39.6 during the Friday preliminaries. But the former Seminole Junior College star strained a hamstring during the race and Coach Mike Long, taking advice from his trainer, decided Merrick was through for the weekend.

The decision was based on the assumption that if Merrick was allowed more competition he would almost certainly pull the hamstring and would be definitely out of next Saturday night's dual meet against Alabama.

With Merrick out of the 440, Roberson, Jesse Forbes, Marvin Dixon and Dave Williams still managed a 40.5 in the finals and this was good for second behind Auburn's 40.2 and head of Florida's 40.7.

All of Saturday's finals competition was run off in a driving rain.

Florida State's 480-yard shuttle hurdles relay team of Mike Woods, Mark Herman, Jim Ruth and Roberson finished third with a 59.1 clocking. The mile relay team of Williams, Forbes, Warner Miller and Dixon finished fourth after qualifying with a 3:10.1, second fastest time in FSU history. Merrick had been scheduled to anchor this event also.

Manny Wetherbee, Rolle's teammate in the pole vault, was still in competition when rain called a halt to the proceedings and he was awarded fourth place.

Senior Jeff Nedimyer tied for third in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 8 inches, while Henry Finney was 5th in the long jump (24-5) and also fifth in the triple jump (50-5).

The Seminole distance medley relay team was outstanding, finishing second to Princeton. Glenn Kettenacker ran the 880, Miller the 440, Tommy Curtis the 34 mile and George West the mile. Their combined efforts resulted in a school record 9:50.3 and Curtis' third leg brough Florida State from fifth place into the lead.

Forbes finished fourth in the 100-meters with a 10.5 clocking.

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Fla. Relays

GAINESVILLE, Fia. (AP) — Results of Saturday's competition in the Florida Relays track and field meet:

Open Division-Men

2 Mile Relay — 1, Florida Track Club (Bob Hans, Steve Foster, Reggie Clark, Byron Dyce) 7:32.3; 2, Alegheny Community Coilege, 7:53.9; 3, Atlanta Track Club, 8:00.4

400 Meter Intermediate Hurdles — 1, Craig Caudill, Pacific Coast Club, 50.2; 2, Bob Rambo, Florida Track Club, 51.2; 3, Bruce Collins, Philadelphia Pioneers, 51.5

100 Meter — 1, Steve Williams, Florida Track Club, 9.9 (ties world record); 2, Bill Collins, Golf Coast Track Club, 10.4; 3, Charles Hopkins, unaffached, 10.5

5,000 Meter — 1, Marty Liquori, New York Athletic Club, 13:50.8; 2, Mark Brown, East Tennessee, 13:54.1; 3, Dennis Fines, Marine Corps, 13:57.2.

Triple Jump — 1, Tom Havnes, Army, 54'934" (meet record; old record 53'2" by Jim Washington, unattached, 1975); 2, Rayfield Dupree, Army, 53'634"; 3, Ken McBride, New York Ploneers, 51'734"

Sprint Medley Relay — 1, Florida Track Club (Steve Williams, Buford Brown, Stan Vinson, Byron Dyce) 3:18; 2, Essex County, 3:25.8; 3, U.S. Army, 3:29.5

3,000 Meter Steeplechase — 1, Eddie Leddy, Knoxville Track Club, 8:42.6 (meet record; old record 8:44.2 by Barry Brown, Florida Track Club, 1972); 2, Roche Miguel, New York Athletic Club, 8:46; 3, Terry Cruz, unattached, 8:55.3

Javelin — 1, Anthony Hall, Bruce Track Club, 81.46 meters; 2, Sam Colsom, unattached, 81.45; 3, David Riess, Bruce Track Club, 77.69

1,500 Meter — 1, Steve Foster, Florida Track Club, 3:43.4; 2, Raymond Flynn, East glennessee, 3:43.5; 3, Peter Richardson, Canada, 3:44.4

Mile Relay — 1, Philadelphia Pioneers (names unavailable), 3:09.6; 2, Essex County College, 3:14.9; 3, Bahamas Pioneering Sporting Club, 3:35.5

Shot Put — 1, Dous Price, Florida Track Club, 592°; 2, Rick McIntosh, unattached, 54°5'4" (only entrants)

Discus — 1, John Powell, Pacific Coast Track Club, 201'1" (met record; old record 185' by Marshall Smith, Colorado State, 1975); 2, Dick Breschwer, D.C. Striders, 198'8"; 3, Mark Dupuls, Greater Boston, 163'7"

University Division

Sprint Medley — 1, Florida (Stan Harris, Willie Wilder, Noel Gray, Horace Tultt), 3:23.3; 2, Jackson State, 3:25.4; 3, Princeton, 3:26.1

440 Relays — 1, Auburn (Tony Easley, Harvey Glance, Willie Smith, Raymond Crump), 40.2; 2, Florida State, 40.5; 3, Florida, 40.7

High Jump — 1, Shane Stroup, Clemson, 6'10"; 2, James Barrineau, Georgia, 6'10"; 3, Jeff Nedimver, Florida State; Ed Fern, Clemson; Clark Godwin, Jackson State, and Steve Ott, Florida, 6'8"

Shuttle Hurdle Relay — 1, Florida (Heslev Bostic, Tom Doerr, Harold Smith, Clive Carrifse) 57.9; 2, Austin Peav, 58.5; 3, Florida State, 59.1

Pole Vault — 1, Phares Rolle, Florida State, and Gary Hunter, Southern Illinois, 16'6"; 3, Hubert Butler, Jackson State, and Bob Crites, Indiana, 16'

High Jump — 1, Bob Kealing, Indiana, 6'6"; 2, Maurice Brown, Albany, 6'6"; 3, Ben Freeman, Auburn, and James McDaniels, Albany, 6'4"

Discus — 1, Geoffrey Lawrence, Miami, 160'11'; 2, Harrison Salami, Middle Tennessee, 159'6"; 3, Bill Astary, Georgia Tech, 154'7"

400 Meter Intermediate Hurdies — 1, Harold Schwab, Penn, 49.9; 2, Edwin Moses, Morehouse, 50.1; 3, Randolph Williams, Kentucky State, 51.5.

Distance Medley Relay — 1, Princeton (Charles Headrick, Pierre Gaurdon, Phil Rice, Craig Masback) 9:49.3; 2, Florida State, 9:50.3; 3, Wisconnsin 9:53.1

110 High Hurdles — 1, Mike Roberson, Fklorida State, 13.8, 2, Rodney Moore, Tennessee Tech, 14.1; 3, Phil State, Indiana, 14.3

100 Meter Dash — 1, Harvey Glance, Auburn, 10.0; 2, Johnny Williams, Austin Peay, 10.3; 3, Stanley Harris, Florida, 10.5

Shot Put — 1, T.J. Humphries, Arkansas State, 5771/2°; 2, Rob Will, Auburn, 577°; 3, Ted Hausauer, Middle Tennessee, 64'41/2"

Open Division-Women

100 Meter High Hurdles — 1, Liz Damen, Scarborough Optimists, 14.1; 2, Cheryl Poiorer, Florida, 14.6; 3, Cheryl Blackman, Kentucky State, 14.7