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Lady 'Noles finish ninth

CLEMSON, S.C. — North Carolina State's Betty Jo Springs, the defending collegiate national cross-country champion, opened defense of that titlle Saturday by winning the NCAA Region IV Championship at Clemson.

Springs covered the 5,000-meter distance in 16:48. Clemson's Tina Krebbs placed second at 17:12.

Tennessee, the defending regional champion, won the overall team title. North Carolina State, Clemson and North Carolina finished second through fourth. Each team qualified

for the NCAA championships later this month.

Florida State, with a 19th-place finish by Carla Boroviks, finished ninth overall. Boroviks just missed qualifying on an individual basis for the NCAA championships. She was fifth overall among runners whose teams did not qualify for nationals. The top three independents earned entries.

Margaret Coomber was second for the Lady Seminoles and 21st overall.