

GAINESVILLE — Florida State's Tom Graham and Bill Nelson swept across the finish line in a first place tie here Monday to defeat the University of Florida, 21-34 in a cross-country meet.

It was the second victory over the Gators for the Seminole harriers and finished Coach Dick Roberts' season with a perfect 5-0 record.

Graham and Nelson negotiated the 4.35 mile course in 22.42 minutes and crossed the line holding hands for a deliberate tie, seven seconds ahead of Florida's Jim Brown.

Irv Watson and Bill Petersen came across seconds apart to wrap up fourth and fifth place for the undefeated Seminoles.

Other FSU runners and their order of finish were Richard Carrico, 9th, Gary Castner, 12th, Jim Lankford, 13th and Ross Winter, 16th.

Florida State's freshmen took all first five places in the three mile yearling meet. Sid Merchant was first with a time of 16.24.

The varsity sweep gives Florida State an edge in the all-sports competition between the two schools. The winner receives a trophy from the Exchange Club of St. Petersburg.

Florida won the trophy last year.