

Florida State's cross country team came within 16 seconds of a "shutout" Monday afternoon, as the Seminoles easily outdistanced Florida 18-37 on the FSU course.

The Seminoles took charge early and the Gators never threatened as the Tribe captured the first four places.

Once again it was Ken Misner leading the way, finishing first in a course record 20:16.8 over the four-mile layout at the Seminole golf course.

A senior, Misner has not lost to a Florida runner since his freshman year. The St. Petersburg native led teammates Del Ramers, Bobby Brooks and Mark O'Brien across the finish line.

Florida's Roy Benjamin was the first Gator to break the Seminole parade, finishing almost a minute behind Misner. The Gators also captured the next two spots, holding off Seminole Jack Wise who was 16 seconds behind Benjamin. A fifth-place finish

by Wise would have given the Seminoles a sweep of the meet.

Florida, running 12 men to the Seminoles' five, broke on top but the Gators led for only the first few hundred yards. The Seminoles front-running quartet moved on top a quarter-mile out and were never again headed. As they passed the 2¼ mile mark, the four Seminoles, running together, were a hundred yards in front of their nearest challenger. Moments later Misner broke from the front runners and opened a commanding lead.

Seminole coach Dick Roberts was pleased with the Tribe's performance. "We got a good overall effort," he said. "It was our first real effort as a team. We really got together."

It was the third dual-meet victory of the season for the Tribe. Saturday the Seminoles journey to Atlanta to run against Georgia Tech. Friday Nov. 20 they host the state championships.