

Open up season

Runners go to Alabama

Florida State's weakened cross country team goes with four members this Saturday to the Alabama Invitational.

The team will be weaker than first predicted because of the loss of Del Ramer, the senior member of the squad. Ramer had a hernia operation last week and is lost to the cross country team for the remainder of its season. It is hoped, however, that he should be able compete during the regular track season.

The four men making the trip are junior star Bobby Brooks, transfer Brad Thorpe, freshman Bobby James and Larry Campbell.

Among the teams the Tribe will be facing are Alabama,

Auburn, Florida, Tennessee and Georgia Tech.

This is the first meet of the young season with the

Seminoles' next encounter being on the morning of Oct. 7 when they host the FSU Invitational on the golf course.

Former FSU star Misner wins a tourney

Ken Misner, a former Florida State All-American runner, won the Alabama Invitational Meet this past Saturday in a record time of 25:11.6.

Misner, who now races for the Air Force, graduated from FSU in 1971.

Florida State did not enter a full team at the meet and consequently was not able to compete for the overall team title. With Del Ramers out for the remainder of the cross country season after a hernia operation, the Seminoles only

had four performers.

Bobby Brooks finished highest for the Tribe as he took 11th place overall and seventh in the collegiate division. His time of 26:41 was only topped by four runners from the hosting Alabama team and two others from Tennessee.

Finishing second for the Seminoles was Bobby James who came in 22nd in the final count. A freshman from Milton,

James was competing in his first collegiate meet after being the best distance runner in the state of Florida last year.

The other FSU finisher was Brad Thorpe who nursed an injury home to 40th place.

Thorpe is a transfer who had sat out last season because of the

eligibility rules.

Alabama dominated the meet as they placed four men in the top six. Sophomore Mark Brown starred for the Crimson Tide as he finished second overall, just behind Misner.

As a team, Alabama took the overall collegiate title with Tennessee second.