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## FSU women first, men second in Florida Invitational race

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Late Saturday afternoon, while most of the Gainesville populace were tucked away in their living rooms or favorite pubs watching Tennessee battle it out against George Tech., runners from 16 colleges and universities were braving the inclement climate, awaiting the start of the Florida Invitational.

The women's race began promptly at 5:45 with some 150 harriers taking off from the base of a steady incline on a three-mile route. Beth Farmer from the University of Florida quickly took the lead, bolting from a pack of five runners shortly after the one-mile mark. She was followed by Sandra Arthurton of FSU, who doggedly pursued her opponent throughout the second mile by a few yards, only to lose contact completely by the close of the race.

"I felt all right, but I lost concentration in the middle of the race," said Arthurton. "Today's race was more like home (Seminole Golf Course) so I think we were better as a team than we have been," she added.

Farmer streaked home in 16:08.4 for the overall victory, but it was FSU which walked away with the team championship. Placing five runners in the top ten, the Tribe snatched the team win away from U.F., soundly

beating them 27-58.

Sandra Arthurton and Margaret Coomber finished within two seconds of each other to lead FSU to the victory stand. Arthurton was second in 16:32 and Coomber sprinted in for third in 16:34.3. FSU's Carla Borovicka, Janet Bassford and Collen Curren finished sixth, seventh and ninth, respectively.

A slight drizzle had begun by the start of the men's competition. The race, which was originally slated to begin at 6:15, had been moved up to 6: a.m. A notice had been added on to the very bottom of the rules in each team's race packet, but not all of them noticed the time change. The commands of "Runners to your marks, now set" were barely audible before the gun was fired announcing the start of the race. No final call for all teams to get to the starting line was given.

This quick start left three teams stranded on the side lines with not time to peel off their warm-ups and be ready for what had promised to be a fast race on an equally fast course.

Once the race was underway, Keith Brantley of Florida set an early lead, closely followed by John Rogerson of the Jacksonville Track Club. The lead exchanged hands several times, and by

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the half-way point Rogerson had a marginal distance between himself and the other front runners in the pack.

At the two-and-one-half mile mark, FSU runners had positioned themselves within striking distance of the leaders, as Seminoles Paul Waldron, Ronnie Treadway, and Philip Rolle were in the middle of the top fifteen. This conservative beginning pace was largely due to the "quick" firing at the start.

"I was taken by surprise at the start," said Paul Waldron of FSU. "I was just tucking my shirt in when the gun went off. So I asked Coach Brogle if that was for the start of the race. When I saw the other runners take off I got in there," he said.

Waldron made up most of the slack and blazed home for a second place effort in the university men's division. Treadway was fourth and Rolle was fifth. Even though FSU's ace three were in the top five, the overall team win was taken by Florida with 29 points. FSU captured second place with 33. Mark Sheehan of Florida was the university men's winner, finishing the five mile distance in 24:49.2.

"I'm going to take a good look at our team as a result of today's effort and possibly make one or two changes in our lineup," said John Brogle, coach of the FSU men. "A couple of our freshmen who have been running on our club team have proven themselves and would benefit from varsity competition," he said.

FSU needs to establish depth for the remainder of the season. With the Metro, the regionals, and the NCAA championships slated for the first three weekends in November, it is essential for the Seminoles to field a final starting seven if they are to send a team to the NCAA and place well in that meet, Brogle said.