

Trackmen run onto rough going

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Not making an overall good showing, the Florida State track team competed in the National Federation Meet this past weekend at the Astrodome.

Only Joel Garren placed for the Tribe in the Saturday meet which attracted collegiate and amateur competitors from all around the country.

Garren took a seventh in the 440-yard dash and ran a 47.1 quarter in doing so. For the second straight year the sophomore qualified for the race with a 47.4 time.

Despite the place, assistant track coach Dick Roberts wasn't extremely impressed with Garren's run. "Joel had just not been able to come back with that good race he is capable of," said Roberts of Garren's seventh place finish.

Roberts was particularly impressed with the showing of George Sparling in the 440. Sparling almost qualified for the finals in the event with a 48.3 time in the open quarter and then came back to run 48.0 and 47.8 splits in two relays.

One of the relay's pleased Roberts greatly. In the distance medley, George Kaiser opened with a 1:52.3 half mile and Sparling followed with a 47.8

quarter which according to Roberts would have ranked the Seminoles with the top teams there. The time slowed, however, in the next 3/4-mile by

Jack Wise and mile by Del Ramers, and FSU didn't qualify for the finals.

Ramers and Wise both competed in the mile earlier and

Garren finished in a time of 3:17.5 which didn't place them in the top ten.

Alan McMillan made the finals in the pole vault but only could reach a height of 15-6 which didn't place him either.