

Girl tracksters go to Kentucky

The Florida State women's track team continues its spring schedule this Saturday, Apr. 29, when the Seminole girls travel to Richmond, Ky., to take part in the Eastern Kentucky Women's Invitational Track Championships.

On the basis of its strong showing in Texas two weeks ago, FSU is expected to dominate the field events once again. On the track, however, the picture is not as bright.

The Seminoles have shown a

lack of team depth in the running events that will be heightened this weekend by the temporary loss of hurdler Joyce Dickinson and sprinter Nancy Helms. Two other important people, Judi Keffer and Kathleen Irely, are also expected to be subpar for the meet due to leg injuries.

Assistant coach Susan Ray still feels that the girls will be able to represent FSU well. Ray also feels, however, that with the six-place scoring system being used, FSU will be unable to win over the schools with large squads.

Heading the list of FSU stars are Laura Gibbons and Sharon Burgess. Both of these girls did well two weeks ago as Gibbons set personal highs in the discus, javelin and high jump, while Burgess won the mile.



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Women ride field strength to win

Some imposing field event strength was the key to the most important win in Florida State women's track history last weekend at Richmond, Ky., as Laura Gibbons, Sharon Burgess

and Co. topped 10 other eastern powers to win the Eastern Kentucky University Invitational.

Despite the absence of four key runners who were sidelined

by injuries, FSU picked up 79 points to nose out an Illinois State University squad, which placed second with 74.

In the first event of the afternoon, junior Sharon Burgess

established a new meet and Florida State school record with an unexpectedly easy win in the mile. Her time was 5:15.0.

Junior transfer Judy McClung also ran well placing sixth, and

this dual finish in the mile gave FSU an early lead.

However, that was the only time the Seminoles held the lead until the final event was recorded: the shot put, discus and the javelin.

This is where the Seminoles made their big move, scoring an amazing 40 points to move from fifth place into the winner's circle.

Gibbons led this charge at the wire with a new meet school record in the javelin throw. Her imposing toss of 144-5 in the event easily placed her first while versatile sophomore Linda Crutchfield placed fourth in javelin.

Gibbons then came back to record another first in the discus and a third in the high jump. Her distance in the discus was 115-6, enough to win, while Gibbons cleared a height of 4-11 in the jump.

Other girls helped win the match in the field events as Crutchfield got two more fourths in the high jump and shot put. Peggy Reed also did her share by taking second in the shot and fourth in the discus.

Aside from the mile run and Burgess' second place finish in the 880, points in the running events were scarce. Fresh hurdler Janice Shadwell picked up a fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and freshman Jeanette Brown got fifth place in the quarter mile.

Then in the only relay the girls were to run, a makeshift medley team composed of Brown, injured hurdler Jovita Dickenson, Gibbons and Shadwell salvaged a fourth place. It was only one of three scheduled relays that FSU could field four runners in.

In the final standings, FSU finished five points ahead of Illinois State with the University of Tennessee nailing down third. Its point total was 68.

Following the top three were Murray State in fourth, Memphis State fifth, Eastern Kentucky in sixth, in seventh was the University of Illinois, Kentucky took a distant eighth, ninth was Ohio University, Centre College finished 10th, and in last was Morehead State.

What made the win even more surprising was the fact that the Seminoles were suffering from such a high number of injuries. Dickinson, for instance, was unable to run her specialty events, the hurdles, because of an injury suffered in the team's first meet of the season.

Besides Dickinson, Nancy Helms was unable to participate as were Judi Keffer and Kathleen Irey. All of the above had some form of leg injury.

Kenneth Miller, coach of the track team, had stated to have been extremely pleased with his crew. From all indications so far, the Seminoles appear heading for the best season in history.