Memphis, Tenn. --- Southern Arkansas University finished fifth in the 2003 Gulf South Conference men’s cross country meet here Saturday with 99 points, only three behind third place University of West Georgia’s 96.

The Muleriders were led by sophomore Adrian Romanos, who placed sixth in the 8k race in a time of 26:19 to capture first-team All-GSC honors, the third ‘Rider to make first-team All-Conference. Teammates Tyler Johnson and Blaine Slack were 15th and 19th, respectively, for second-team All-GSC honors. Johnson is a senior and Slack a sophomore.

Lady ‘Rider sophomore Gaby Mendoza clocked an 18:23 over the 5K course to finish fourth in the women’s division, earning first-team All-GSC honors. In doing so, she became the first female runner at SAU to make first-team All-GSC. The Lady ‘Riders were 10th in a field of 16.

For the second year, the top 10 finishers earn first-team All-GSC honors and the next 10 are second-team All GSC. Previously, the top seven earned first-team honors and the second seven were second-team All-Conference.

The NCAA Division II Regional Championship race will be November 8 in Atlanta, Ga., and the National Championship will be Nov. 22 at Raleigh, N.C.