



# IN HIS OWN WORDS

## STEPHAN PARRY ON THE SEMINOLES

**Q: Describe Your Experience at Florida State?**

A: "I think going to America to study was probably one of the most single greatest experiences academically, socially and also in the pool. Certainly the best thing about swimming over there was the American attitude toward success; the team really fostered it over there and no one is allowed to quit and it really taught me a lot and I kind of followed it through to my international career as well."

"I went over there with a science based background academically but realized it was business for me and I've ended up owning my own business so that was a positive in coming to the states. I made some life long friends that I still see every now and then and I had a fantastic journey with them over four years in America."

**Q: What is your relationship with Neil Harper?**

A: "Neil is a great coach and a great friend of mine. He certainly changed the way I approached the sport. As opposed to being dictated to as I was in Great Britain. Neil really let me take ownership over the program and that was a philosophy that I share with a lot of kids now and I'll be forever grateful to him but more importantly we're both from Great Britain and we had a good laugh while we were over there together but most importantly a really strong working relationship."

**Q: What are you doing now Professionally?**

A: "I have a business that is involved in delivering aquatic events on a national scale in Great Britain. We also crossed into retail so we sell swim products. But probably the most exciting part of the business is we are in the process of teaching 200,000 kids to swim by 2012 when we're hosting the Olympics."

**Q: What did it mean to represent your country in the Olympics?**

A: "Representing your country is the biggest honor you can possibly have. Walking out on deck with my Great Britain sweats on, it's one of the proudest moments in my life but I think anyone that gets to represent their country will cherish that forever."

**Q: Do you still follow Florida State Athletics?**

A: "Every year we get around to ACC time, I'm always on seminoles.com checking out results seeing how the team is doing so it's obviously still close to my heart. I like to see how the football team is getting on and the basketball teams as well. I will always have an infinity for Florida State academically, socially and athletically."

