

Downs Pensacola Naval Air Team

The Florida State University swimming team came from behind here last night to defeat a strong Pensacola Naval Air Station squad 40-35. The meet was held in the FSU East Campus pool before a capacity crowd.

The Florida State natators were trailing 33-35 going into the final event, a 440-yard free style relay. Dick Berndt, Pat Farrell, Mark Brown and Dick Wells made up the Seminole quartet which breezed through to an easy victory, enabling the Florida State team to close its 1950 season with another triumph.

Outstanding star of the meet for Florida State was Dick Wells of Orlando who anchored both FSU winning relay teams. Swimming as last man in the medley relay opening race on the program, Dick brought the Seminoles from behind to win with the fastest 100 yard free style in the pool's history. Wells was unofficially clocked in 53.5 seconds on the last lap of the relay.

Thirty-three-year-old John Higgins, coach and captain of the Pensacola team, was the night's only record breaker and only double winner. Higgins, a former Ohio State and Olympic star, won the 220 and 440 yard free-style events, the latter in pool record time of 5 minutes 3.2 seconds.

Higgins, one of the nation's all-time great swimming stars, has been competing for 21 years.

Last night's meet was final one of the season for Florida State. Coach Stults will take Roger Slater, Southeastern AAU diving champion, and Captain Walter Jardine, distance free style star, to the National Intercollegiate at Columbus, O. March 17 and 18.

RESULTS:

1—Florida State—U. 40 points; 2—Pensacola Navy—35.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

300 Yards Medley Relay: 1—Florida State (Castagna, Browning, D Wells). Time 3 minutes 5.5 seconds.

215 Yards Free Style: Higgins, Pensacola Navy; 2—W Jardine, FSU; 3—Blake, Pensacola. HM Blake, Pensacola. Time, 3 minutes, 15.8 seconds.

50 Yards Free Style: 1—Berndt, FSU; 2—White, FSU; 3—Martin, Pensacola. Time, 25.5 seconds.

Fancy Diving: 1—Slater, FSU, 333.5 points; 2—Conway, FSU, 202.1; 3—Fox, Pensacola, 237.8.

100 Yards Free Style: 1—Blake, Pensacola; 2—Martin, Pensacola; 3—Farrell, FSU. Time, 56.9 seconds.

150 Yards Back Stroke: 1—Lechner, Pensacola; 2—Holmes, FSU; 3—Jones, Pensacola. Time, 1 minute, 45.2 seconds.

200 Yards Breast Stroke: 1—Goulbrun, Pensacola; 2—Bouslog, Pensacola; 3—Browning, FSU. Time 2 minutes, 38.8 seconds.

440 Yards Free Style: 1—Higgins, Pensacola; 2—W Jardine, FSU; 3—Dunn-Rankin, FSU. Time 3 minutes, 3.2 seconds.

400 Yards Free Style Relay: 1—Florida State (Berndt, Farrell, Brown, D Wells). Time 3 minutes, 52.2 seconds.