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GAINESVILLE — Florida State's swimming Seminoles, proven as the best aquatic team in the Southeast, swept five of the 10 events to capture their fourth straight Florida AAU championship here yesterday.

Coach Bim Stults' Seminoles racked up a whopping total of 90 points, edging runnerup Florida by 17 points. Coral Gables Swim Club finished third with 34 points, Florida State's freshmen fourth with 31, Florida freshmen 10, Miami Beach Recreation 8, and the University of Miami 7.

CONVINCING LICK

The triumph was a convincing testimony of State's swimming supremacy in Florida and the Southeast. The Seminoles won 10 dual meets this season, including a 45-41 verdict over Florida less than a week after the Gators had stacked up a record 206 points in winning the Southeastern Conference championship at Athens, Ga.

Today, the Seminoles shattered records all over the place. Every State first place was a new Florida AAU record, and two Seminoles set new school standards.

Ken Abbott, PSU's brilliant freestyler from Birmingham, bettered his own school mark by churning the 50-yard freestyle course in 23.1 seconds. Tom Metz finished sixth in the 200-yard freestyle event, but his 2:05.3 clocking set a school mark.

Following the meet, Stults called his 1958 squad one of the best in PSU history. "I don't think we've ever had a team with better morale and better effort. This team kept right on improving with every meet. You bet I'm proud of these boys."

Five seniors made their final varsity appearance today, Abbott, a double winner when he also took the 100-yard freestyle sprint; Ryan Ray, Don Lewis, Graham Teschke, and Joel Jacobs (who remained unbeaten in the 200-yard breaststroke), won't be back next season.

FRESHMAN ACE

But Stults can count on several veterans and Bucky Hiles, an Atlanta freshman who set the spectators to buzzing with brilliant freestyle work today. Performing for Alf King's Baby Seminoles, Hiles easily outdistanced the field in both the 200 and 400-yard freestyle events. Both times he outdid Florida's Dave Calkin, the SEC champ in those events.

Tallahassee's Paul Thompson, a Leon High athlete, impressed by finishing third in the 200 freestyle and fourth in the 400

freestyle.

Florida took an early lead, but the Seminoles picked up 14 points in the 50-yard freestyle to move ahead to stay.

THE SUMMARY

400 medley relay—1. Florida (Drake, Ruggie, Wenz, Weidemann), 2. FSU, 3. Coral Gables, 4. FSU Frosh, 4:05.3.
200 freestyle—1. Hiles, FSU Frosh, 2. Calkin, Florida, 3. Thompson, Tallahassee, 4. Patterson, Coral Gables, 5. Joseph, Coral Gables, 6. Metz, FSU, 2:08.4.

50 freestyle—1. Abbott, FSU, 2. Ray, FSU, 3. Katz, Miami Beach, 4. Born, Florida, 5. Thatcher, FSU, 6. Fitzgibbons, Coral Gables, :23.1.

1-meter diving—1. Martin, unattached, 2. Weber, FSU, 3. Genders, FSU Frosh, 4. Henne, Florida, 5. Woods, Florida, 6. Simpson, FSU, 444.6 points.

200 butterfly—1. Nelson, Miami, 2. Drake, Florida, 3. Tateishi, Florida, 4. Carrera, Coral Gables, 5. Creghton, Florida, 6. Koehn, FSU.

100 freestyle—1. Abbott, FSU, 2. Hammond, FSU, 3. Katz, Miami Beach, 4. Ray, FSU, 5. Creel, Coral Gables, 6. Fitzgibbons, Coral Gables, :52.2.

200 backstroke—1. Wentworth, FSU, 2. Ruggle, Florida, 3. Glancy, FSU, 4. Ladhe, Coral Gables, 5. Sompayrac, unattached, 6. Epperson, Coral Gables, 2:12.3.

400 freestyle—1. Hiles, FSU Frosh, 2. Calkin, Florida, 3. Drake, Florida, 4. Thompson, Tallahassee, 5. Patterson, Coral Gables, 6. Carrera, Coral Gables, 4:23.6.

200 breaststroke—1. Jacobs, FSU, 2. McDonnell, Florida, 3. Cole, FSU, 4. Weidemann, Florida, 5. Newell, FSU, 6. Magruder, Coral Gables, 2:34.7.

400 freestyle relay—1. FSU (Ray, Thatcher, Hammond, Abbott), 2. Florida Frosh, 3. Coral Gables, 4. Florida, 5. FSU Frosh, 1:33.1.