

Tom Metz, Dayton, O., senior whose athletic career was almost ended because of a serious automobile accident last year, won two events to spark Florida State to a 55-40 swimming victory over Georgia's Bulldogs here last night.

Metz easily won firsts in the 200 and 400-yard freestyle events as Florida State won its 14th straight dual meet over the Bulldogs in the 1959 season opener for both teams.

Metz was painfully injured about a year ago in an auto crash while on a holiday trip home.

With Seminole Coach Bim Stults limiting the action of some of his topflight stars, the Tribe won seven of 11 events against the sophomore-dominated Bulldogs.

Buck Hiles, SU's All-America freestyler from Atlanta, made only one appearance, nipping teammate Paul Thompson of Tallahassee in a close 100-yard freestyle race.

Sarasota's Curt Genders had one of his finest nights in diving despite a slow start. Genders edged senior Bob Weber for diving laurels. Both Genders and Weber were All-America divers for FSU in 1959.

Georgia's best showing was by sophomore Rolff Pinkerton, who won the 50-yard freestyle and anchored the Bulldogs' winning 400-yard freestyle relay team.

FSU's freshmen, coached by Dee Edington, made it a Seminole sweep with a 61-25 nod over Georgia frosh in the preliminary. Rick Pyykko of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Bill Quayle of Naples each won two events to pace the Baby Seminoles.

SU goes after its second triumph in a dual meet with Georgia Tech here Saturday afternoon.

THE SUMMARY

400 medley relay—1. FSU (Abstein, Newell, Braden, Butler). 2. G. 4:22.2.

200 freestyle—1. Metz, FSU. 2. Ludwig, G. 3. McDaniel, G. 2:05.7.

50 freestyle—1. Pinkerton, G. 2. Smith, FSU. 3. Hyre, G. :34.1.

200 individual medley—1. Carlisle, G. 2. Newell, FSU. 3. Cohen, G. 2:29.3.

Diving 1. Genders, FSU. 2. Weber, FSU. 3. Wright, G.

200 butterfly—1. Braden, FSU. 2. Bauerle, G. 3. Ross, G. 2:42.6.

100 freestyle—Hiles, FSU. 2. Thompson, FSU. 3. Pinkerton, G. :52.2.

250 backstroke—1. Mitchell, FSU. 2. Abstein, FSU. 3. Carlisle, G. 2:28.1.

400 freestyle—1. Metz, FSU. 2. Ludwig, G. 3. McDaniel, G. 4:42.1.

200 breaststroke—1. Cohen, G. 2. DeHaney, FSU. 3. Tatum, G. 2:44.3.

400 freestyle relay—1. G. (Tyre, Carlisle, Ludwig, Pinkerton). 2. FSU. 3:51.1.