

Winning eight of 11 firsts and busting a couple of school records, Florida State throttled University of Florida's "best ever" swimming team, 61-34, here last night.

Both teams were unbeaten going in but the Gators were reckoned a decided favorite on comparative accomplishment.

The victory continued FSU's swimming domination over the Gators, Florida, which has dominated the Southeastern Conference, hasn't won in its last nine outings against the Tribe. FSU leads the series, 10-2-1. And Florida still has never beaten FSU in Tallahassee.

Paul Thompson, a senior from Tallahassee, knocked down three

firsts for the Seminoles — the 220 freestyle, the 200 butterfly, the 440 freestyle.

His victory over Florida ace Jerry Livingstone in the butterfly was a stunner, and one

Paul Thompson of two "turning

The other was the upset of Steve McBride, UF All-American in the diving. McBride, somewhat off form, finished third as FSU sophomore Don Montgomery and junior Mark Owen turned in their best performances and finished 1-2.

School records were set by sophomore Lee Bransford in the 50 freestyle (22.7 seconds) and sophomore Dick Acosta in the 200 backstroke (two minutes, 7.6 seconds).

Florida took an immediate lead in the meet and held it until the fifth event—diving. After Montgomery and Owen provided a 23-20 lead in points, Thompson followed with his big effort in the butterfly.

Then Bransford came along

with his second triumph of the evening, in the 100 freestyle.

Acosta promptly turned in his record-breaking time in the 200 backstroke—and FSU was all but home free, with a 42-28 lead.

Thompson sewed it up by taking the 440 freestyle, with sophomore Bill Dahl nailing down a surprising second for the Tribe.

Florida won only the first event (400 medley relay), the fourth (200 individual medley) and the tenth (200 breaststroke).

A crowd of about 800 filled every available nook around Montgomery Pool. At least that many more were turned away. Many stood outside.

It had to be the bitterest setback in UF swimming history, and it must have been FSU's most satisfying swimming triumph. The Seminoles, with a young team, were regarded as a "year away."

#### DANDY ONE

Coach Bim Stults, tossed in the pool by his players at meet's end, said: "It was a dandy."

"Florida swam very well," he said, "Not as good as they have, but still quite well. Paul Thompson beating their flyer was a big thing for us. And, of course, the diving work of Montgomery and Owen was tremendous."

Buddy Crone, UF's gentlemanly coach, commented: "FSU is always ready for us. We didn't swim as good as we have, and FSU swam better than we expected."

He mentioned that three of his swimmers, including Livingstone, had been bothered lately with the flu. "But don't put that in the paper," he said, "We don't want any excuses."

FSU freshmen won the preliminary from Florida yearlings, 61-34, same score as the varsity.

#### Varsity

400 MEDLEY RELAY—1. F. (Farwell, Oromaner, Livingston, Wilder) 2. FSU. 3:52.3. (Meet record) (Pool Record).

220 FREESTYLE—1. Thompson, FSU. 2. Green, F. 3. Dahl, FSU. 2:07.8. (Meet Record).

50 FREESTYLE—1. Bransford, FSU. 2. Grover, F. 3. Lauwaert, F. :22.7 (Meet, Pool and School Record).

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY—1. Reese, F. 2. Pyykko, FSU. 3. Mew, FSU. 2:11.7.

DIVING—1. Don Montgomery, FSU. 2. M. Owen, FSU. 3. McBride, F.

200 BUTTERFLY—1. Thompson, FSU. 2. Livingston, F. 3. Reese, F. 2:07.8. (Meet and Pool Record).

100 FREESTYLE—1. Bransford, FSU. 2. Wilder, F. 3. Smith, FSU. :50.2 (Meet and Pool Record).

200 BACKSTROKE—1. Acosta, FSU. 2. Davis, FSU. 3. Farwell, F. 2:12.4. (Meet, Pool and School Record).

440 FREESTYLE—1. Thompson, FSU. 2. Dahl, FSU. 3. Green, F. 4:41.5.

200 BREASTSTROKE—1. Oromaner, F. 2. Lasanta, FSU. 3. Richardson, FSU. 2:31.8.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY—1. FSU (Mew, Roles, Smith, Bransford). 2. F. 3:31.2.