

GAINESVILLE — Florida State's swimmers fought off a late Florida challenge and downed the Gators 51-44 Saturday to climax an undefeated season.

It was Coach Bim Stults' fifth perfect season in 16 years at Florida State, and his gleeful squad gave him a good post-meet dunking in the Florida pool.

The victory, seventh of the year for the Seminoles, marked their second triumph over defending SEC title-holder Florida. A year ago, it was the Gators that downed FSU twice and finished the regular season undefeated.

Stults' team enters the Southern Collegiate Championships at Athens, Ga., next weekend. Florida, now 7-2, will be there and has one duel meet remaining, with Miami.

The Seminoles opened with quick victories in the 400 yard medley relay and 200 yard freestyle. Mike Blouin, soph freestyler, brought the medley relay team home with a pool record time of 3:46.1. Blouin trailed Florida's Jim Roos by two lengths entering the final anchor lap but pulled ahead to win by inches.

Jim Mauldin, another fast sophomore and only double winner of the day, blazed to a 1:53.4 timing to win the 200 yard freestyle, and FSU led after two events, 15-1.

But Dick Farwell won the next event, the 50 yard freestyle, in a big lead over FSU's Charlie Roberts for the Gators' first victory. Gator captain Jerry Livingston, two-time All-American, finished third, but later anchored the winning freestyle relay team.

Florida State's Dick Abbott, soph from Landon, Ky., won the grueling 200 yard individual medley.

Then, Florida's Lansing Price was awarded first place in the one-meter diving competition over Florida State's Neal Allen and Larry Profumo.

Later, however, a check by FSU officials revealed a mathematical error by the scorer, and Allen was named the winner with Price second. FSU led then, 29-14.

But the Gators countered with victories in three of the next four events. FSU held important second and third places to stay ahead.

Highly-sought sophomore flyer Ray Whitehouse of Jacksonville won the 200 yard butterfly for Florida, and Rod Hubbert upset Seminole ace Dick Acosta in the 200 yard backstroke.

Mauldin saved the 100 freestyle for FSU, but the Gators' Bill Corbin came from behind to nip FSU's Gene Dayton in the exhausting 500-yard breaststroke as the large partisan crowd cheered.

The issue was still in doubt

until veteran Doug Kruger and Dick Green pulled off a surprising double victory in the 200 yard breaststroke. The win put the Tribe ahead to stay, 51-37.

Florida's victory in the final event, the 400 yard freestyle relay, was for naught. The Seminoles had their 12th win in 18 meetings with Florida, dating to 1951.

Florida's talent-laden frosh team downed the Baby Seminoles in a preliminary meet, 65-29, copping eight of 11 events.

Gary Sheehan of FSU staged a sparkling show to win one-meter diving in the frosh meet. Jack Jaisler was the 200 individual medley champion, and Mike Koch won the 100 yard breaststroke for FSU's freshmen.

400 Medley Relay — 1. FSU (Acosta, Kruger, Abbott, Bloxuin). Time: 3:45.1 (pool record).

200 Freestyle — 1. Mauldin, FSU. 2. Dayton, FSU. 3. Corbin, F. time: 1:53.4.

50 Freestyle — 1. Farwell, F. 2. Robertson, FSU. 3. Livingston, F. time: 22.8.

200 Individual Medley 1. Abbott, FSU. 2. Whitehouse, F. 3. King, F. time: 2:06.6.

1-meter Diving — 1. Allen, FSU. 2. Price, F. 3. Profumo, FSU.

200 Butterfly — 1. Whitehouse, F. 2. Harman, F. 3. Hartke, FSU. time: 2:09.4.

100 Freestyle — 1. Mauldin, FSU. 2. Blouin, FSU. 3. Roos, F. time: 50.5.

200 Backstroke — 1. Hubbert, F. 2. Farwell, F. 3. Acosta, FSU. time: 2:09.1.

500 Backstroke — 1. Corbin, F. 2. Dayton, FSU. 3. Durocher, FSU. time: 5:17.4 (pool and school record).

200 Breaststroke — 1. Kruger, FSU. 2. Green, FSU. 3. Chandler, F. time: 2:24.1.

400 Freestyle Relay — 1. Florida (Whitehouse, King, Farwell, Livingston). time: 3:23.9.