

North Carolina, undefeated in seven meets, faced Florida State in a monumental meeting of Southern swimming giants at the Union pool Friday, and Bim Stults' amazing Seminoles swam away with a 55-40 victory that must rank as one of Bim's greatest ever.

North Carolina State's one-point victory over Florida at Gainesville, going on at the same time, set the stage for a climactic meeting here today between the Seminoles and the Wolfpack at 2 p.m. The winner will reign supreme among collegiate swim teams in Dixie.

DOUBLE-WINNER

Dick Abbott, FSU's magnificent junior from Landon, Ky., was the Tribe's only double-winner, while Harrison Merrill, the Tarheels two-time All-American, also picked up two victories.

Merrill and Pete Worthen, the strapping Carolina sophomore, put their team ahead in the second and third events and threw a damper on the enthusiasm whipped up by a crowd of 1,500.

After Florida State's surprising victory in the 400-yard medley relay, Merrill swept by FSU's Jim Mauldin to win the 200-yard freestyle. Then, Worthen and Chip Smith finished 1-2 for the Tarheels in the 50-yard freestyle and Carolina held a 14-11 lead.

ABBOTT WINS

But Abbott won an easy victory in his specialty, the 200-yard individual medley. The race turned into a battle between Carolina's Steve Hildenbrand and FSU's Tut Heisler, a Tallahassee native, for second. Heisler lost, but the meet was tied at 17-all and North Carolina never led again.

The Seminoles went ahead on a key victory by diver Larry Profumo. Stults' held out his ace, Neal Allen, but Profumo and Bob Cruickshank got some unexpectedly tough competition from Carolina's David Moody.

BEAUTIFUL DIVE

Profumo's second and third dives were disastrous, but he took five judges' ratings of seven on the fourth and finished with a back one-and-a-half somersault with a two-and-a-half twist. It was the most beautiful dive of the afternoon and won him first place with a total of 268.15 points. Cruickshank, a sophomore, was close behind at 260.05.

Carolina's All-American Fred [unclear] won an overwhelming victory in the 200-yard butterfly.

in the 100 free between Abbott and Worthen. Abbott touched a split-second sooner in the closest race of the day for a spectacular victory.

ACOSTA TRIUMPHS

Dick Acosta, the Seminoles' up-and-down backstroker, came through with his finest performance ever with the day's only school record. Acosta nipped Carolina's John Hayden in the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:08.5, a new FSU mark.

Despite FSU's successes, the issue was not decided until Doug Kruger and Mike Koch took second and third in the 200-yard breaststroke. North Carolina's Rick Forum won, but Kruger and Koch's work earned FSU eight valuable points and put the meet out of reach, 48-40.

RECORD TIME

The final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, was anticlimatic. Tomr Lloyd's 49.9 opening leg gave FSU a good margin that John Rangely, the itinerant speedster who transferred here from Alabama, widened to a third of the pool's length. Anchorman Jim Mauldin, who went down in defeat to Merrill in the 200-freestyle, brought it home in record time.

Competition in this clash of giants was so keen, in fact, that meet and pool records were set in every one of the 10 water

events. Stults' streamlined swimmers were not pushed so hard in previous victories over Tulane, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.

While the Seminoles were dealing with North Carolina, their rivals carried on another struggle in Gainesville. N. C. State won it, 48-47, to remain unbeaten and promised even greater things today for FSU's new outdoor pool.

Stults took a dunking from his team members after Friday's victory, and Dr. Gordon Blackwell, outgoing President of the University, was presented with a plaque by the team in appreciation of his loyalty. Dr. Mode Stone, Athletic Committee Chairman, made the presentation.

Summary

400-YD MEDLEY RELAY—1. FSU (Acosta, Kruger, Rangely, Abbott).
2. UNC. T—3:43.2. Pool, Meet Record.

200-YD FREESTYLE—1. Merrill, UNC. 2. Mauldin, FSU. 3. Sheldok, UNC. T—1:49.6. Pool, Meet Record.

50-YD FREESTYLE—1. Worthen, UNC. 2. Smith, UNC. 3. Blouin, FSU. T—22.3. Pool, Meet Record.

200-YD IND. MEDLEY—1. Abbott, FSU. 2. Hildenbrand, NC. 3. Helsler, FSU. T—2:06.4. Pool, Meet Record.

DIVING—1. Profumo, FSU. 2. Crnckshank, FSU. 3. Moody, UNC.

200-YD BUTTERFLY—1. Lipp, UNC. 2. Dayton, FSU. 3. Durocher, FSU. T—2:04.6. Pool, Meet Record.

100-YD FREESTYLE—1. Abbott, FSU. 2. Worthen, UNC. 3. Roberts, UNC. T—42.8. Pool, Meet Record.

200-YD BACKSTROKE—1. Acosta, FSU. 2. Hayden, UNC. 3. Nulally, FSU. T—2:08.5. Meet, Pool, School Record.

500-YD FREESTYLE—1. Merrill, UNC. 2. Blouin, FSU. 3. Dayton, FSU. T—5:13.0. Meet, Pool Record.

200-YD BREASTSTROKE—1. Forum, UNC. 2. Kruger, FSU. 3. Koh, FSU. T—2:19.1. Meet, Pool Record.

400-YD FREESTYLE RELAY—1. FSU (Lloyd, Robertson, Rangely, Mauldin, UNC. T—3:19.6. Meet, Pool Record.

FINAL TEAM SCORE: FLORIDA STATE 54, NORTH CAROLINA 40.