

Junior Dick Abbott, probably Florida State's best all-round swimmer, smashed two school records Saturday afternoon and led the Seminoles to their sixth straight victory of the year, a 56-39 conquest of previously unbeaten North Carolina State.

Abbott's victories saved the Tribe from possible defeat twice, and was the impetus in an FSU victory that put Ben Stults' best team ever in the driver's seat of Duke collegiate swimming picture.

FSU held only a 12-11 lead after three events when Abbott pulled ahead of N. C. State star Ben Wirth and won the 200-yard freestyle, making his 1-2 sweep and post record of 1:48.1. The mark

was two seconds below the qualifying time for the NCAA Championships.

Later, N. C. State had cut the Seminoles' lead to 28-24 when Abbott and Jim Mauldin finished 1-2 in the 100-yard freestyle. Abbott's winning time of 48.5 smashed every record.

N. C. State, conqueror of Florida by 48-47 Friday, was not without its stars. Don Leemis and Pat Gavaghan took first and second places in both the 200 and 500 yard freestyle events. Dick Paoletti shared the 200-backstroke, and John White, the expatriate who left Orlando's Edgewater High and advanced to the Olympic finals last year, won the 200-butterfly as expected. Paoletti captured FSU's first event, the 100-yard freestyle, and set the school backstroke record Friday.

Stults and the Seminoles

won the remaining seven events in Florida State's first swimming engagement ever with North Carolina State's perennially-tough Wolfpack. It was something of a personal triumph for Stults, FSU's coach for 16 years.

Coach Willis Casey of N. C. State has an all-time record that is the only figure in the South above him's. Casey is now 140-23 in 17 seasons, Stults 129-22 in 16.

It was Abbott's versatility and the Seminoles' supremacy in the relays that made the difference, as usual. The Tribe's 400 - freestyle relay team of Tom Lloyd, Charles Robertson, John Rangely, and Jim Mauldin had little trouble winning in 3:18.3, a post record that

And Rangely, Acosta, Doug Kruger, and Mike Blavin began the meet with 1-2 victory close war in the medley relay.

Blouin barely nipped State's McGrain at the finish.

The freestylers fine finish was made easier when Kruger, a veteran, and Mike Koch won the 200-breaststroke with surprising ease. The Seminoles led by only 41-38, and State was entertaining visions of their seventh win.

But Kruger and Koch, 2-3 against North Carolina Friday, came home well ahead of State's Rick Hilliges and put the meet on ice.

Stuka had to pull out all stops to beat an N. C. State team loaded with talent. Neal Allen, who worked only in exhibition against North Carolina, competed along with Larry Pritchard for the Seminoles and that duo pair took first and second in the diving. Allen missed the final dive but finished with 244 points in a 250-point event.

Stuka, Seminoles, don't swim

again until a Feb. 18 date with Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

Summary

44-YD MEDLEY RELAY—1. Seminoles (Acosta, Kruger, Rangel, Blouin), 2. NCL 3—3:41.3.

200-YD FREESTYLE—1. Lamm, NCL 2. Gavaghan, NCL 3. Marshall, FSU 3—1:58.5.

50-YD FREESTYLE—1. Marshall, FSU 1. Harvey, NCL 2. T. Marshall, NCL 3—1:14.4.

200-YD IND. MEDLEY—1. Marshall, FSU 1. Wacht, NCL 2. Marshall, FSU 2—2:11.1. Pool, NCL 3—2:11.1. Record 5.

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