

ATHENS, Ga. — After the first day's events Florida State's swimming team has jumped into second place in the Southern Intercollegiate Swimming Championships at the University of Georgia Pool here.

Although the Seminoles did not win any of the three events held Thursday night, they have accumulated 81 overall points to place second behind Southern Illinois which has totaled 105.

Florida's Gators are third with 80 points, followed by South Carolina (22), Georgia (20), Miami-Dade J.C. (20) and Georgia Tech (14).

Two Florida State varsity records have fallen, as Seminole Dennis Shields placed sixth in the 400-yd individual medley with a time of 4:31.4.

Shields led four of his teammates to point getting finishes in that event which was won by Florida's Mark McKee.

Ron Potts (8th), Bill Best

(10th), Steve Connell (11th), and Jim Vining (12th) followed Shields under the wire.

Points are awarded to the first 12 finishers in individual events.

Mark Jenkins eclipsed the varsity mark in the 1650-yard freestyle as he placed fourth with an 18:00.1 showing. Jenkins was also followed by

a host of point-getting Seminoles. Jim Thompson, Ed Anderson and Steve McNerney finished in the fifth, sixth and seventh spots.

In the 400-yd. medley relay the Seminoles finished third behind S. Illinois and Florida. The event was extremely close with less than a stroke

seperating the first three finishers.

"We are in pretty good position right now," said Seminole Coach Bim Stults. "We aren't winning anything, but we are getting several people in near the top and are picking up points. There is still a long way to go, however."

Stults added that Southern Illinois looked like the team to beat after the first day's competition. "They are well rested and looked like they were pointing toward this one. They have a fine team."

Today's events started this morning with the preliminaries for the one-meter diving competition, an event in which the Tribe hopes to pick up big points.

Swimming events this afternoon include the 50 and 200-yd. freestyle, the 200-yd butterfly, the 100-yd backstroke, and the 100-yd breaststroke.

The meet will conclude Saturday night.

ATHENS, Ga. — Despite setting meet and varsity records, Florida State swimming team slipped to third Friday night in the Southern intercollegiate swimming championships at the University of Georgia pool.

The Seminoles' Dean Jerger picked up FSU's first win of the three-day meet which concludes tonight, by sprinting to a 50-yard freestyle victory in 21.8 seconds to set a new school and tie the SIC records.

In the 100-yard backstroke, FSU's Bill Gest placed second with a time of 56.9. In his preliminary heat, however, Gest set a school and SIC record with 56.1.

Freshman Norm Loges set

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ATHENS, Ga. (Freestyle)

Jim Harrison shook off a cut heel for fifty yards Saturday night to hold down his leg of the decisive 400 yard freestyle relay to insure Florida State a second place finish in the Southern Intercollegiate Swimming championships here.

The Seminole sophomore caught his heel making the second turn of his 400 leg and tore it across the full width. Leading going into the turn, he came out a body length behind but made it up to send Tribe anchor man Dean Jerger off evenly on the final leg. Jerger held it for the Tribe.

Southern Illinois took the title with 461 points. The Seminoles amassed 433 1/2 points for second to Florida's

still another varsity record with a 1:02.9 clocking in the 100-yard breaststroke. It was good enough only for fifth place, however.

In the biggest surprise, and disappointment, for the Tribe Friday, FSU divers could do no better than a fourth by Phil Boggs in the one-meter diving competition. The Seminoles had hoped to pick up a victory and some big points in this event.

Other Seminoles who placed high in Friday's finals were Howie Acosta (sixth), Ken VonRoenn (eighth) and Terry Maxhimer (tenth) in the diving.

In the backstroke, Dennis Shiels and Lee Eisinger followed Gest to the wire in sixth and ninth places.

Seminole Tom Harmon was eighth in the breaststroke.

Five FSU swimmers picked up points in the 200-yard freestyle with Jim Thompson second followed by John Stafford (seventh), Mark Jenkins (eighth).

The 200-yard butterfly found Florida State's Jim Vining and Bruce Rathman placing fourth and fifth.

The overall standings found Southern Illinois still in first place with 292 points. Florida overtook the Seminoles for second place with a 278 1/2 total while the Tribe slipped to third at 239 1/2.

Following the leaders were South Carolina (142), Georgia (76), Miami-Dade JC (43) and Georgia Tech (31).

413 in third. The three leaders were followed by South Carolina (240), Georgia (118), Miami-Dade JC (83), and Georgia Tech (54).

Florida State Coach Bim Stults, a veteran of 21 years at FSU, called Harrison's effort in the free relay, "the most dedicated effort by a single individual I had ever seen."

In the 500 freestyle, Jim Thompson set a new school record with a time of 4:57.1 in his third place finish for the Tribe. He was followed by Mark Jenkins in seventh and Steve McNerney in eighth.

Bruce Pathman pulled the biggest surprise of the day with a first place showing in the 100 yard butterfly. His time of 52.6 seconds was not only a new FSU record, but also qualified him for the national championships later this season. Jan Young was fifth for the Seminoles.

Co-captain Dennis Shiels set another school record with his 2:03.2 clocking on the 200 yard backstroke. He finished second with Bill Gest placing third and Steve Connell twelfth.

Jerger led a host of Seminoles in the 100 yard freestyle. His second was followed by Harrison's third, Lee Eisinger in sixth and John Stafford in eighth.

In the 200 yard breaststroke freshmen Norm Loges and Tom Harnos placed fourth and tenth respectively.

Phil Boggs placed second in the three-meter diving, followed by Howe Acosta (4th), Ken VonHoena (11th) and Terry Manmer (9th).

"I was extremely proud of the tremendous effort put forth by our swimmers," said Stults. "Some of these kids swam better than they ever had before. Some may have even done better than they thought they could."