

FSU Swimmers Hold 3rd Spot

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ATHENS — Florida State's swimming team is third behind Miami and South Carolina entering today's final round of the Southern Intercollegiate Championships here at the University of Georgia.

Florida State won the 50-yard free style behind Mark Middleton's 21.9 time and also captured the 200-yard free style with a 1:45.3 clocking by Cliff Schlak.

The Seminoles' Jerry Stevens was second behind Middleton in the 50 with an identical 21.9 time. The winner had to be determined by a timing device.

The Tribe placed second to Southern Illinois in the 800 free

style relay with a 7:06.5. The team included Middleton, John Hegert, Lawton Harrison and Schlak. The win here qualified the group for the NCAA nationals at Tennessee in late-March.

Chet Miltenberger swam to a 60.4 time in the 100 breaststroke for second place. This qualified him for the national championships.

Hegert finished second in the 100 backstroke and Larry Shoeman was third in the one-meter diving.

Seminole Swimmers Place 4th

ATHENS, Ga. — Florida State's swimming team finished fourth here Saturday in the Southern Intercollegiate Championships staged at the University of Georgia.

The University of Miami won the meet with 424 points followed by South Carolina with 383 and Southern Illinois with 323.

Florida State, which entered the last day of competition in third place behind Miami and USC, totaled 292.

Other finishers and their scores include: University of Georgia 212, Georgia Southern 65 and Georgia Tech 64.

Florida State placed in seven events Saturday, but won none of them.

The 500-yard freestyle saw FSU's Cliff Schlak finish sixth and Bill Mrazek 11th.

John Hagard finished sixth and Bob McKay eighth in the 200-yard backstroke.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Jerry Stevens finished fifth, Lawton Harrison 10th and Mike Seelie 11th.

Three swimmers placed in the 200-yard breaststroke, including Chet Miltenberger, Steve Driver and Tom Arnold who finished fifth, seventh and 12th, respectively.

Larry Lovelace finished eighth, Gene Eikens 10th and Dickie Hosford 12th in the 100-yard butterfly. Marc Middleton had qualified for the finals of the swim but became ill with the flu and could not swim.

FSU's entry into the 400 - yard freestyle relay finished fourth. The team included Harrison, Schlak, Stevens and Seelie.

Finally, Larry Shoeman finished seventh and Jeff Bauer, ninth, in three - meter diving.

FSU's next meet will be Friday against the University of Miami at 1 p.m. in Tallahassee. The Seminoles swim against South Florida Saturday at 1 p.m.