

Seminole swimmers lead Metro

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Florida State's swimming team captured three events to take a 28-point lead after the first day of the Metro Conference Swimming Championships Thursday.

The Seminoles, hoping to defend their conference title in the meet that winds up Saturday, scored 143 points through the first five final events.

Cincinnati is in second with 117 points with Tulane 99, St. Louis 46, Virginia Tech 38 and Louisville 31 rounding out the field.

Steve Allbritton of Clearwater won the 50 freestyle in 20.604, which also earned him a spot in the NCAA championships.

FSU's Kevin Connell captured the 200 I.M. for the second year in a row. He recorded a time of 1:54.075.

The Seminoles' Keith McConnell eclipsed the old league standard in the 200-backstroke with a time of 1:53.05 and Craig Lindell set a record in the three-meter diving with 536 points.

Lindell was defending champ in

both one- and three-meter diving.

McConnell is ranked 10th in the nation in the 200-backstroke.

Ritter set a conference record in the 1,650-yard freestyle with a time of 15:36.67. His Cincinnati teammate, Jurgen Wurth, finished the 200-yard butterfly in 1:51.96 to break another conference record while the Bearcat team eclipsed the previous Metro record in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:06.06. Kevin Connell turned in a time of 2:07.63 in the 200-yard breaststroke to account for Florida State's other win.

Tulane's Randy Espenshied finished first in the 100-yard freestyle in a time of 46.23.

Seminoles win Metro swimming

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — Florida State captured the Metro Conference Swimming and Diving Championship Saturday, taking first place in three of seven events in the final day of competition.

Florida State, which had players set conference records in two events, finished with 600.5 points. Cincinnati, which also finished first in three of Saturday's events and set a record in each, was second with 488 points.

The Bearcats' Bob Ritter was named outstanding performer of the meet.

Tulane finished third with 329 points, followed by Virginia Tech with 144.5, St. Louis with 115, and Louisville with 89. Memphis State does not have a swim team.

Conference records were established in five events.

Florida State came into the meet as the defending Metro champion.

Coahn John Stafford said before the meet that he had expected the most competition from Cincinnati. The Bearcats did not participate in last year's meet, when the Seminoles ran away with the title. Cincinnati is coached by former Seminole coach Terry Carlisle.