

Akre qualifies in 100-yard breaststroke

GAINESVILLE — Florida State's Dan Akre swam a 100-yard breaststroke in 55.96 at the Southeastern Conference Swimming Championships to qualify for the NCAA championships.

Akre, part of the FSU team swimming as independents trying to qualify for NCAA competition, bettered his personal best time of 57.05.

FSU swimmer Akre qualifies for NCAA meet

Florida State's Dan Akre qualified for the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships while setting a school record in the 200-yard breaststroke over the weekend in competition at the Southeastern Conference Championships in Gainesville.

Akre swam 2:01.70, almost a second faster than the 2:02.66 time needed to qualify for the NCAA Championships, which will be held March 28-30 at the University of Texas in Austin.

Akre's time on Sunday also broke the eight-year-old school record of 2:03.51 set by Kevin McConnell in 1977. Akre now owns both breaststroke records at FSU and has broken both school marks in the past two weeks.

Currently ranked 13th in the world in the breaststroke, Akre is the reigning Metro Conference champion in both the 100 and 200 breast.

Akre becomes the second Seminole swimmer to qualify for the 1985 NCAA meet. Junior co-captain Mike Kowalski met the national standard in the 100-yard backstroke at the Metro Conference Championships the first week of March.