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FSU swimming team lives on through Spray

Diver Paul Spray will be FSU's only representative at the NCAA swimming and diving championships, which begin Thursday in Indianapolis.

Spray qualified with a fifth-place finish at the South Zone meet held two weekends ago at FSU.

FSU's Desmond Koh missed qualifying by fractions of a second in the 200- and 400-meter individual medley and the 200 breaststroke.

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■ Florida State's **Paul Spray** earned All-American honors on Thursday with a fifth-place finish in the 1-meter diving competition at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

"He had a really great meet, and dove absolutely fantastic in the evening to get to fifth place," said FSU diving coach **Gary Cole**. "He was way back early in the morning and dove absolutely super."

Spray, who scored 535.05 points on the 1-meter springboard, will compete today on the 3-meter board.

Spray's performance moved FSU into 19th place among 52 schools in the team competition. Spray, a senior from Phoenix, Ariz., was honorable mention All-America last year with a 12th-place finish in the 1-meter diving.

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■ Diver **Paul Spray** earned honorable mention All-American honors at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships on Friday in Indianapolis, finishing 11th in the 3-meter board competition.

Spray scored 482.05 points. On Thursday, Spray earned All-American honors with a fifth-place finish in the 1-meter diving competition.

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FSU swimmers and divers just miss the Top 25

During the final weeks of qualifying for the NCAA swimming and diving championships, three Seminoles were on the qualifying bubble.

Kiki Steinberg and Desmond Koh fell by the wayside, leaving diver Paul Spray as FSU's only participant. He finished fifth in 1-meter diving and 11th on the 3-meter board last week.

Spray's fifth-place finish was the highest for an FSU athlete in NCAA

history.

Spray's efforts weren't enough to push the Seminoles into the Top 25. FSU came out of the meet in Indianapolis ranked 26th.

Spray might have done better if he had some teammates for emotional support.

"Being here by himself is really tough," said Coach Gary Cole by telephone before returning to Tallahassee. "For him to comeback was fantastic. When you are here by yourself — no teammate — it's a little tough."