

FSU places eight in AIAW swim

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Florida State's women had eight swimmers gain All-America status at the first day of the AIAW National Championships here Thursday.

Jana Wilkins finished 14th in the 100 butterfly to gain the honor, while the 200 medley relay team finished 14th and the 800 freestyle relay team placed 16th.

Wilkins time was an FSU school record of 58.23. She joined Teri Winking, Kim Krueger and Susie Yates for a school-record time of 1:52.77 in the 200 medley relay.

Laura Barber, Sara Shuster, Beth Jones and Nancy Pfaff combined for a 7:55.32 time in the 800 freestyle relay.

FSU women claim fourth in 200 relay

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Florida State's women's 200 freestyle relay team breezed to a NCAA record in the preliminaries, then finished fourth in the finals at the AIAW National Championships here Friday.

Susie Yates, Jana Wilkins, Laura Barber and Ritchie Dorrier combined for a 1:37.23 time in the prelims, a record that was later broken by North Carolina State and Southern Cal in the prelims.

Then in the finals, the FSU squad had a 1:37.43 time to claim fourth place. Southern Cal won the finals with a 1:36.20 time.

That qualified the four FSU swimmers for All-American honors, and boosted FSU into 17th place among the 102 schools entered here after the second day of competition. Arizona State leads the field with 351 total points, followed by Stanford (270) and Florida (230).

Florida State has a total of 52 points, with a chance to move up several notches with eight events left to compete in.

Yates and Barber also gained individual All-American status Friday. Yates was 11th in the 50 freestyle (with an FSU record time, 24.49) and Barber was 14th in the 100 backstroke (1:01.26).

FSU women finish 16th

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Florida State's women's swim team climbed up one notch to 16th place in the final day of competition at the AIAW National Championships here Saturday.

The Lady Seminoles' 400 free-style relay team broke the old school record by more than five seconds, but it was good only for 10th place in the finals. That boosted FSU's total to 66 points.

Arizona State won the meet with a 540 total, followed by Stanford (399), Florida (371), UCLA (359) and Southern Cal (337).

Susie Yates, Jana Wilkins, Ritchie Dorrier and Laura Barber combined for the record-setting time of 3:34.02. Their splits, in order, were 54.3, 53.3, 53.9 and 52.4.