

FSU women score in relays

PHILADELPHIA — Florida State's Wendy Markham and Angela Wright recorded second-place finishes Thursday in the prestigious Penn Relays.

Wright ran her best time ever in the 400 IM hurdles in 57.62 for her second-place finish. Markham got her second in the high jump, clearing 6-0.

There were other FSU highlights. The Lady Seminoles' distance medley relay team of Carla Borovicka, Scooby Golden, Ovrill Brown and Margaret Coomber placed fifth at 11:31. Golden had the best time 53.5.

FSU's 4x100-meter relay team of Wright, Marita Payne, Brenda Cliette and Randy Givens had the top qualifying time of 44.62.

"We feel like the girls could easily finish 1-2-3," said FSU coach Al Schmidt. "Girls are having a phenomenal meet. We're very, very happy."

FSU will run in the finals of the 100 meters, 4x400 relays with Payne, Givens, Wright and Ovrill Brown. Scooby Golden, Carla Borovicka, Margaret Coomber, Janette Wood will run for FSU in the 4x800 finals.

Givens, Lady Seminoles roll

PHILADELPHIA — Randy Givens, from Florida State, was named the Most Valuable Female Athlete at the 89th running of the Penn Relays in a field of nearly 20,000 competitors.

Givens was on the winning relays of the 4x100 and 4x400 and she won the 100-meter dash.

FSU's finishers:

100-meter dash — 1. Randy Givens (broke own, meet, school record of 11.34) 11.28, 2. Brenda Cliette 11.48, 3. Marita Payne 11.52; 4x800 relay — 4. FSU 8:42.0 (set a school record...Janette Wood, Scooby Golden, Carla Borovicka, Margaret Coomber); 4x400 — 1. FSU 3:32.28 (broke meet record of 3:33.40...Givens, Payne, Ovrill Brown, Angie Wright).

FSU sprinters run wild

PHILADELPHIA — The Florida State women's track team sprinters put on a show Friday in the 89th running of the Penn Relays at Franklin Field.

Randy Givens roared to the fastest preliminary time for today's final of the 100-meter invitational in 11.34. She was closely followed by teammates Brenda Cliette (11.49) and Merita Payne (11.50).

Givens also anchored a record-setting performance Friday for the FSU 4x100-meter relay team, which blazed to a first-place finish in 43.70. Wright, Payne and Cliette joined Givens in eclipsing the meet record FSU had set here a year ago.