FSU relay team resets mark

LOS ANGELES — Florida State's women's 400-meter relay team lowered its National Collegiate record at the Pepsi Invitational during the weekend, just a month after it had set the record.

The foursome of Angela Wright, Marita Payne, Brenda Cliette, and Randy Givens placed first in a 43.52 time to rewrite the mark of 43.58 that it had set last month at the LSU Invitational.

Wright and Givens also took individual first places in the meet. Wright won the 400-meter hurdles in 57.05, her personal best and the second fastest time in FSU history in the event. Givens was first in the 200 meters in 22.6, her best time of the 1983 season.

Givens was also third in the 100 with an 11.38 clocking while freshman Cliette was fourth in 11.48. Sophomore Wendy Markham reached 5-10 in the high jump which was good for fourth place.

Two other members of the FSU women's track team qualified for the NCAA Championships during the weekend in the Cavalier Invitational in Charlottesville, Va. Senior Scooby Golden became a first-time NCAA qualifier in the 800 with a 2:06.6 sixth-place timing while teammate Janette Wood also reached the NCAA standard at 2:07.2. FSU's Ovrill Brown, already qualified, finished the race in a season-best 2:05.2 good for second.

Alice Bennett was first in the long jump at 19-4 while Margaret Coomber was third in the 1,500 with another season-best time of 4:21.6

Florida State now has 15 individual entries qualified for the NCAA Championships, plus two relay teams. The NCAA record-breaking relay is pictured in this month's Track and Field News magazine while head coach Gary Winckler is featured in the "Making Tracks" section of the magazine.