

### 1980 MEN'S SWIMMING SCHEDULE

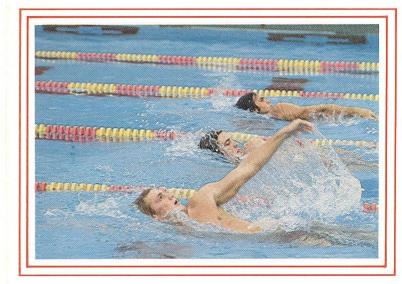
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Date	Event	Site	Time
November 1	Garnet and Gold meet	Tallahassee, Fla.	1:00 p.m.
7	Indian River Community College	Tallahassee, Fla.	TBA
14	at Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	1:00 p.m.
19	Daytona Beach Community College	Tallahassee, Fla.	1:00 p.m.
21	South Florida	Tallahassee, Fla.	1:00 p.m.
January 10	at Georgia	Athens, Ga.	1:00 p.m.
17	Miami	Tallahassee, Fla.	1:00 p.m.
23	Louisiana State	Baton Rough, La.	3:00 p.m.
24	South Carolina	Tallahassee, Fla.	1:00 p.m.
31	at Tulane	New Orleans, La.	3:00 p.m.
February 12	Southern Intercollegiate Championship	Athens, Ga.	All day
thru 14			
March 6-8	National Independent Championship	Columbia, S.C.	All day
20-22	NCAA's	Austin Tex.	All day
Anril 8-11	National AAU's	Cambridge Mass	All day

Head Coach: John Stafford Diving Coach: Al Coffey

Co-Captains: Barry Griffith, Jim Hamilton



## FLORIDA STATE



1980-81 SEMINOLE SWIMMING

## **Swimming Coaching Staff**

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Bill Shults, Assistant Coach	644-3074
Al Coffey, Diving Coach	644-1214

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## **FLORIDA STATE**

### **FINGERTIP FACTS**

Location	Tallahassee, Fla.
Enrollment	
Founded	
Nickname	Seminoles
Colors	Garnet and Gold
President	Dr. Bernard F. Sliger
Home Pool	Bim Stults Aquatic Center
Conference	
Intercollegiate Sports	
Men's Sports	
Women's Sports	

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#### John Stafford Head Coach

In three years as head coach of the Seminole swimming team, John Stafford has compiled a 20-9 record and has led his teams to three consecutive Metro Conference Championships.

Stafford, who returns to his alma mater for a fourth season, captained the Seminoles in 1969 and is only the third swimming coach in the

31-year history of the sport at Florida State.

Stafford began his coaching career while an undergraduate student. He coached the Alexandria, La. Aquatic Club in the summers of 1967 and 68 and was named All-Star coach in that state.

Following graduation from Florida State in 1969 with a degree in English Education, Stafford served as assistant coach at the University of Georgia for two years and obtained his master's degree, also in English Education.

He was named head swimming coach at the Bolles School in Jacksonville in 1972, where he remained until accepting the Florida State position in 1977. At Bolles, his teams ammassed a 35-2 dual meet record. Among his teams accomplishments: District II-AAA champions (1975), Florida AAA runner-up (1973-75), Seabreeze Invitational champions (1975) and Clearwater Rotary Invitational champions (1976). In 1975, Stafford was named Duval County Coach of the Year. All told, he coached 25 prep All-Americans in 28 events.

Highly respected as an educator as well as swim coach, Stafford was named the Bolles School Teacher of the Year in

1975.

As a high school swimmer at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Stafford was all-district, all-state and All-American as well as being one of the first inductees into his school's Hall of Fame.

"I want all of my swimmers—from the most talented to the least talented—to swim fast," Stafford says. "I expect dedication to the program and in return the program will be challenging enough to produce national caliber swimming. But the program doesn't stop there. I want all my athletes to leave Florida State with a marketable degree and I want them to be mature young men with values and a sense of humanistic responsibility. That's what our swimming program at Florida State is all about."

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1977-78	9-2	.818	
1978-79 1979-80	6-2 5-5	.750 .500	
Total	20-9	.689	



Al Coffey Diving Coach

Florida State's second-year diving coach, Al Coffey, has a background of personal and professional diving experience.

He was a three-time All-American diver at Ohio State and the University of Miami during his undergraduate college days. At Ohio State, he was the Big-Ten diving champion

from 1951-52. He graduated from Miami with his bachelor's

degree in 1960.

Coffey was a member of the 1955 Pan American Games diving team in the spring and platform boards and for nine years—from 1946 until 1955—was a finalist in the AAU Senior men's ten meter platform championships. In 1964, he won the World Professional Spring Board and Platform Acrobatic Championships.

Coffey is still active in the sport—he's been a member of the USA High Diving Team for the past 19 years. He also has performed for 23 years in comedy diving, high diving and straight diving for ABC-TV's Wide World of Sports.

Coffey's coaching career has been equally impressive. He came to FSU from the University of Pittsburgh where from 1974-79 he coached seven eastern collegiate champions. Coffey also has coached the Central American Games diving teams and the Puerto Rican Swim Association team.

He is a member of the NCAA division I Diving Rules Com-

mittee.



## **Bill Shults Assistant Swimming Coach**

Bill Shults is entering his second season as assistant to head coach John Stafford at Florida State.

Shults received his bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of New Hampshire in 1976.

While at UNH, Shults was a fouryear swimming letterman, com-

peting in the butterfly and the individual medley. He captained the squad his senior year.

Shults' coaching career began during his senior year at New Hampshire. He was head water polo coach and assistant swim coach at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. The swim team won its fifth consecutive New England Interscholastic Championship while Shults was there.

During the 1977-78 season, Shults was the head water polo and assistant men's and women's swimming coach at

Trininty College in Hartford, Ct.

Prior to coming to Florida State, Shults was the head swimming coach for his alma mater, where in 1978 he was credited with recruiting the best swimming class in the history of UNH.

Shults is presently working on his master's degree in

education administration at FSU.



#### 1980-81 Outlook

The promising but inexperienced freshmen have become sophomores. The injuries have had time to heal. Now, men's swimming coach John Stafford is excited about 1980-81.

"We had some problems last year," recalls Stafford. "First there was our inexperience—11 of our top 20 swimmers were freshmen. And then there was the injury problem. We had some freak injuries and we could never put the same lineup in the water. In one way or another, we always had to compensate. But I don't think we did too badly considering the difficulties.

"We're still young but the bright spots are there this year," he continues. "We have the talent, but how well we perform will depend on how we've mended over the summer and whether we've kept in shape."

While Stafford describes his team as one with great balance, much strength promises to be in the shorter distance off-strokes and freestyle distance events.

Sam Seiple, a sophomore from Canton, Ohio, will be strong in the 100 yard fly where he already owns the school record. "Sam has qualified for the National AAU's and with some hard and consistent training, he could be one of the great ones in the country," says Stafford.

Co-captain Jim Hamilton is tops in the 100 yard backstroke. He'll be counted on to fill the void created by the graduation of Keith McConnell, last season's Metro Conference Swimmer of the Year. The senior from Ft. Myers, Fla. has a good

chance to qualify for nationals, according to Stafford.

The return of Steve Allbritton, who sat out last year's 5-5 campaign, gives Stafford a great competitor in the 50 yard freestyle. One of the top sprinters in Seminole history, Allbritton was an All-America selection in 1978 and at one time owned the sixth fastest 50 yard freestyle time in the United States.

The 400 yard relay team of Hamilton, senior Martin Perry or sophomore Nelson Simmons, Seipel and Allbritton will be the relay to watch in '80-'81. Stafford lists this relay as having "a

great shot at qualifying for the nationals."

Four newcomers with sterling credentials have been signed to swim for Florida State. Jeff Van de Graaf, a transfer from Alabama with two years of eligibility left, should contribute to the squad most in the 400 yard individual medley and the 200 fly. Van de Graaf was a member of the 1976 Australian Olympic team.

Chris Chain, a freshman from Columbus, Miss. also donned the garnet and gold. A virtually untapped butterflyer, he'll provide lots of help in the 200 fly. Don't be surprised to see Chain in the number one flyer position at season's end.

The possible replacement for graduated Craig Lindell, a three-time Metro Conference diving champion, comes by way of Miami, Fla. in the person of freshman Chris McGregor. "We're counting on Chris to give us some depth in our diving corps," says FSU diving coach Al Coffey.

Ed Coryell, a freshman from Upland, Calif. is at the head of Stafford's recruiting class. He comes to Florida State with a faster 500 yard clocking than the current Seminole record. "I think Ed's swimming is all in front of him," Stafford says. "We're looking forward to some great performances over the

next four years."

When the fourth-year coach looks at the schedule he's lined up for his squad, he lists the November 15 date with the Florida Gators as the premier meet of the year. "They were number three (nationally) last year," he says, "and they recruited well. We're definitely the underdogs in that one but it will be an exciting meet."

Stafford also expects three other teams to stand in Florida State's way of improving last year's record. "Miami has a heck of a team and South Carolina and Louisiana State will be close

meets," he says.

Florida State will attend the National Independent Championships this year, an event for teams without a conference. Although FSU belongs to the Metro and won the Conference's swimming championship the last three years, Stafford has opted to compete as an independent where the competition promises to be stronger. "The NIC's are a certified meet for the NCAA's," he says, "and they will give us a chance to train hard, rest, shave and go for the qualifying times. We don't get any rest during our dual meet season and this meet provides that opportunity for us."

The NCAA Championships are a long way off, but they are on Stafford's mind already. "If we can stay healthy, we have a chance of qualifying a relay or two and three to four individuals," he says. "The cuts are extremely fast and it will be a real achievement to qualify. We have a chance. I just hope every-

one stays healthy."



Mark Archer senior/breastroke Lancaster, Ohio

...senior breastroke letterman...tremendous dedication to the sport...will give leadership to the team this year...father swam for FSU...All-American as a prep swimmer at the Bolles

School in Jacksonville...was coached by John Stafford there, and followed Stafford to FSU...



**Barry Griffin** senior/freestyle Jacksonville, Fla.

...senior co-captain...great personal dedication to the sport...AAU national qualifier...swims the distance freestyle...has been on the dean's list every quarter at Florida State where he

is a management major...attended Terry Parker High School in lacksonville...

#### Steve Allbritton senior/freestyle Clearwater, Fla.

...sat out last season at Florida State due to personal reasons...hopes to return to his sophomore form when he made All-American in the 50 freestyle...truly one of the premier



sprinters in the United States...at one time owned the sixth fastest freestyle time in the country...attended Clearwater High School where he lettered in swimming...a mass communications major...



**Randy Chambers** junior/diver North Canton, Ohio

...finished second in the Metro Conference Diving championships last year...has the most experience among Florida State divers...inconsistency hurt him last year...attended Hoover High School



...senior co-captain...has potential to break all of former FSU swimmer Keith McConnell's 100 yard backstroke records...AAU national qualifier in the event...great leadership abilities...All-

American high school swimmer at Riverdale High School...majoring in meterology at FSU...



Mark Kinsey sophomore/freestyle Mobile, Ala.

...swims the 1,000 freestyle...broke the school record in the event as a freshman with a 9:31.97 timing...needs to develop consistency to reach his potential, according to Stafford...at-

tended H.B. Plant High School in Tampa, Fla. although he is a native of Mobile, Ala...

#### **Ed Corvell** freshman/distance freestyle Upland, Cal.

...one Stafford's freshmen...high school All-American at Upland High School...also played water polo there...swims the 500 yard freestyle and comes to FSU with a



faster time than the existing school record...carried a 3.4 academic average in high school...a biology major...

#### Chris McGregor freshman/diver Miami, Fla.

...one of two Miami natives on the FSU squad...should improve the diving corps...will try to replace the graduated Craig Lindell who was three times All-Metro...the Florida state high school diving champion as a senior at Palmetto High School





## **MEN'S SWIMMING ROSTER**



NAME Steve Allbritton Mark Archer Jeff Beattie Joel Bumgardner Ken Calta David Campbell Chris Chain Randy Chambers Ed Coryell *Barry Griffin *Jim Hamilton Dave Hartshorne David Hiteshew Bobby Jensen Starr Jensen Scott Keyworth Mark Kinsey Brett Lindquist Trent Manausa Chris McGregor John Moorman John O'Mahony Kevin O'Neil Martin H. Perry David Rea Bill Reid Sam Seiple Paul Shreve David Shropshire	EVENT Free Breast Fly/Free Free IM IM/Breast Fly Diving Distance/Free Free Back Diving IM/Back Diving Breast/Back Diving Free Sprint Free Free Diving Free/Fly Diving Breast Free/Fly IM/Back Fly/Free Free Free Free Free Free Free	HT 6-2 5-8 5-10 6-0 5-11 5-8 6-0 5-11 5-5 6-0 5-10 5-10 5-11 6-3 5-11 5-9 5-8 5-11 5-9 5-8 6-0	ORSER SERVERS
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Martin Perry senior/breastroke West Hartford, Ct.

...senior breastroker...won the Metro Conference 100 breastroke title last season...also qualified for AAU's ...needs consistency and aggressiveness to become a great one.

according to Stafford...was the 100 breastroke state champion in Connecticut as a senior at Polisher High School...



...butterflyer with great potential...illness hurt his performances at season's end last year...if he stays healthy, the Seminoles will have a strong fly corps...brother Stewart swam for



Oklahoma...attended Wolfson High School in Jacksonville, Fla....a physical education major...



Sam Seiple sophomore/freestyle and fly Canton, Ohio

...best of the sophomore crop...broke the school record in the 100 fly as a freshmen last year with a 49.91 clocking...also qualified for the AAU nationals...four-year All-

American at Glen Oak High School in Ohio...

Paul Shreve junior/freestyle St. Augustine, Fla.

...junior freestyle utility man...twoyear letterman at FSU...great relay swimmer...loves to race...AAU national qualifier...attended St. Augustine High School where he was named



Most Valuable Swimmer in 1977 and 1978...a business major at Florida State...



Jeff Van De Graaf junior/im and fly Brisbane, Australia

...transfer from Alabama with two years of eligibility remaining...has the potential to be the best 400 IM'er in Seminole history...a member of the 1976 Australia Olympic team as a



junior in high school...participated in four sports at the Melbourne College of English Grammar...a physical education major...



### 1979-80 RESULTS (5-5)

Georgia (A)	56	59
Daytona Beach C.C. (H)	76	37
Auburn (A)	45	66
Alabama (A)	<b>52</b>	81
South Florida (A)	68	42
Florida (A)	37	74
Tulane (A)	74	38
South Carolina (A)	58	55
Indian River C.C. (A)	60	54
Miami (A)	29	84
Southern Intercollegiate Champion	ships	4th

## **SWIMMING THROUGH THE YEARS**

Year	Coach	Won	Lost	Tied
1949	Bim Stults	3	5	0
1950	Bim Stults	7	5 2 0	0
1951	Bim Stults	3 7 7 5 7	0	0
1952	Bim Stults	5	2	1
1953	Bim Stults	7	1	0
1954	Bim Stults	9	O	0
1955	Bim Stults	6	0	0
1956	Bim Stults	9		0
1957	Bim Stults	9	2 3	0
1958	Bim Stults	10	1	1
1959	Bim Stults	8	1	0
1960	Bim Stults	10	0	0
1961	Bim Stults	9	1	0
1962	Bim Stults	11	1	0
1963	Bim Stults	6	3	0
1964	Bim Stults	7	0	0
1965	Bim Stults	9	O	0
1966	Bim Stults	7	- 1	0
1967	Bim Stults	9		0
1968	Bim Stults	4	4	0
1969	Bim Stults	8	2	0
1970	Bim Stults	8	3	0
1971	Bim Stults	8	3	0
1972	Bim Stults	4	6	0
1973	Bim Stults	5	5	0
1974	Terry Carlisle	4	2 4 2 3 3 6 5 5	0
1975	Terry Carlisle	5	4	0
1976	Terry Carlisle	6	3	0
1977	Terry Carlisle	5	5	0
1978	John <sup>®</sup> Stafford	9	4 3 5 2 2 5	O
1979	John Stafford	6	2	0
1980	John Stafford	5	5	0
Totals		225	<del></del>	2

## THE VARSITY RECORDS

Event	Holders	Year	Time/Score
400 Medley Relay	McConnell, Marshburn Brown, Allbritton	1978	3:25.18
1000 Freestyle	Mark Kinsey	1979	9:31.97
1650 Freestyle	Brad Stetson	1977	15:54.15
200 Freestyle	Cliff Schlak	1976	1:40.587
200 Individual Medley	Steve Meisel	1977	1:52.57
400 Individual Medley	Steve Meisel	1977	4:02.74
50 Freestyle	Steve Allbritton	1978	20.56
100 Butterfly	Sam Seiple	1980	49.91
200 Butterfly	Bob Gordon	1977	1:51.98
100 Freestyle	Mike Grattan	1977	45.60
500 Freestyle	Brad Stetson	1979	4:34.28
400 Freestyle	Schlak, Grattan, Meisel, Horne	1976	3:02.205
100 Backstroke	Keith McConnell	1976	51.93
200 Backstroke	Keith McConnell	1978	1:51.89
100 Breaststroke	Kevin Marshburn	1977	57.89
200 Breaststroke	Kevin Connell	1977	2:03.51
800 Freestyle Relay	C. Schlak, Meisel, Gordon, Collins	1977	6:47.77
One-meter Diving	Phil Boggs	1977	360.90
Three-meter Diving	Phil Boggs	1971	359.35

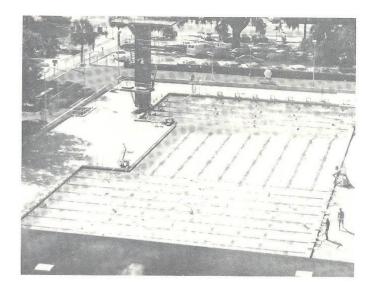
## **RECORD AGAINST ALL OPPONENTS**

OPPONENT	WON	LOST	TIED
Alabama	7	2	0
Auburn	0	5	0
Bethany	1	0	Ō
Birmingham Southern	1	Ō	Ō
Bowling Green	2	Ō	Õ
Clemson	2 4	Õ	ŏ
Daytona Beach Community College	3	Ö	ŏ
Drexel	1	Ŏ	Õ
Duke	1	0	Ö
East Carolina	12	1	Õ
Emory	10	i	Ő
Evansville	4	Ó	ő
Florida	20	23	1
Georgia	35	6	i
Georgia Tech	18	1	ò
Indian River Community College	5	Ó	ő
Jacksonville Navy	4	Ö	ő
Kentucky	4	Ö	ő
Louisiana State	2	ő	ŏ
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Miami (Fla.)	15	8	ő
Miami (O.)	2	Ő	ő
North Carolina	10	3	ő
North Carolina State	1	5	0
Northeast Louisiana State	i	0	Ö
Northwest Louisiana	i	0	ő
Oberlin	i	ő	ő
Pensacola Navy	2	2	Ö
Rice	2	Ó	Ö
Sewanee	4	0	Ö
South Carolina	8	5	0
South Florida	15	0	0
Southern Methodist	2	4	
Tampa	1	2550	0
Tennessee	20.000	0	0
Texas A&M	0	3	0
	20 <del>-7</del> 2		0
Tulane Vanderbilt	14	4	0
	1	0	0
Wake Forest	1	0	_0_
	225	74	2

#### **All-Americans**

Year	Name	Even
1950	Roger Slater	One-meter divins
1951	Roger Slater	One-meter diving
	Roger Slater	Three-meter diving
1954	Ernest Stock	
1959	Buck Giles	
	Curt Genders	
	Robert Weber	
	Robert Weber	
1961	*Curt Genders	
	Curt Genders	
	Buck Giles	
1962	Paul Thompson	
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1969	Phil Boggs	
1970	Phil Boggs	
	Phil Boggs	
	Dean Jerger	
1971	Phil Boggs	One-meter divine
100	* Phil Boggs	
	Dean Jerger	
1974	John Hegert	
1774	Bob Horne	
	Steve Meisel	
	Cliff Schlak	
1976	Cliff Schlak	
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	Larry Brown	
	Steve Meisel	
1978	Mike Grattan	oud freestyle relay
1978 1979	Steve Allbritton	
	Keven Connell	200-yard preaststroke

#### **FSU GRADUATES NOW COACHING**



### N.B. "Bim" Stults Aquatic Center

Long known as one of the most respected swimming programs in the nation, Florida State boasts some of the finest facilities found anywhere in the country. The mild climate of the Tallahassee winter allows the Seminole swimmers to work outdoors year-round at the spacious Stults Aquatic Center on campus.

Heated for maximum comfort, the pool itself sports the standard 25 yard collegiate course which has eight lanes set into a 60-foot wide area. This leaves each of the outside lanes two feet from the wall making them as fast as the middle lanes. The same holds true for the eight-lane 50-meter course.

In addition, the pool itself is equipped with the new Keefer lane lines for both 25 and 50 meters, has extremely deep gutters which allow swimmers to compete in perfectly smooth water, and also has three underwater windows for stroke analysis and filming.

The diving areas meet or exceed all the latest published specifications as outlined by the NCAA and the AAU. Included in the diving area are a pair of one-meter and three-meter boards and a platform tower. All four maxiflex boards are mounted on Durafirm fulcrums. The tower has platforms at five, seven-and-a-half and 10 meters.

In addition to the pool itself, the Aquatic Center has plush newly renovated lockeroom facilities that are fully carpeted and feature piped-in music. Dressing facilities at the pool are available for all visiting teams as well as men and women varsity swimmers. Additional championship facilities are also available.

Florida State also offers one of the finest dry practice setups found anywhere in the country. A complete set of Nautilus weights are available to all athletes and are used extensively by the Florida State swimming program.

#### THIS IS FLORIDA STATE

Florida State University—the home of more than 20,000 Seminoles—has a campus that starts at the top of one of Tallahassee's famed seven hills, and rolls gently downward and westward across 340-odd acres of pines, palms and pecan trees.

Founded in 1857 as the Seminary West of the Suwannee, its heritage is evidenced in the wide range of architectural struggles to preserve history and keep up with modern times and air conditioning. Yet it still ranks as one of the South's last, few bastions of campus greenery—the kind that combines the blossoms of camellias, azaleas and dogwoods with moss-hung oaks that are, in some cases, as old as the University itself, if not older.

Today, its 14 schools and colleges are spread through \$150 million worth of buildings, its annual budget exceeds \$100 million and it attracts more than \$18 million a year in research contracts and grants. Students can pick and choose from more than 100 career options offered in arts and sciences, business, communication, criminology, dance, education, home economics, law, library science, music, nursing, social sciences, social work, theater and visual arts programs.

The University is a member of the Academic Common Market and has overseas study centers in Florence, London and the Panama Canal Zone. Summer programs of study are offered in law at Oxford, in hotel and restaurant administration in Switzerland, and in comparative studies of economic and social systems in Yugloslavia.

The location of FSU in the Capital City of Florida offers unusual opportunities for study and research in the social and policy sciences, and an optimum environment for internships and on-the-job learning experiences for students in many fields of study.

One such program at Florida State is the Policy Sciences Center. It combines teaching and research in politics, economics and other social sciences to provide information and analysis for state government leaders, including the Governor, the Legislature and agency staff members. Already achieving national prominence, the Center studies and evaluates such topics as taxation, economic development, population, land use, family planning and human resources. Surveys conducted by the Center help legislators and others assess trends and changes in public opinion.

The University operates major laboratory facilities for nuclear, marine and computer research. The Florida State nuclear physics laboratory is ranked one of the top four in the nation by the National Science Foundation. Because of this ranking, it has been recommended for higher funding.

Florida State is also the home of the Flying High Circus, the only collegiate circus in the United States. The Circus has delighted audiences the world over with breathtaking, highly-skilled performances that rival professional circuses. The student performers have earned a national reputation as a high-caliber student troupe. Their traveling show is primarily an aerial and stage presentation with approximately 90 students performing during a two-hour show.

