

FLORIDA vs. FLORIDA STATE
UNION POOL
Tallahassee, Fla.
Feb. 8, 1969

SCORE		EVENT
FSU	UF	
0	7	400-yd Medley Relay -- 1. UF (Strate, Perkins, Murphy, McPherson) 2. FSU Time: 3:40.5
4	12	1000-yd Freestyle -- 1. Bruce Williams (UF) 2. Steve McNeway (FSU) 3. Jim Thompson (FSU) Time: 10:19.9 Meet, Pool, Record
9	16	200-yd. Freestyle -- 1. John Stafford (FSU) 2. Hank Hough (UF) 3. Barry Russo (UF) Time: 1:47.8
14	20	50-yd. Freestyle -- 1. Dean Jerger (FSU) 2. Tom Peek (UF) 3. Steve Hairston (UF) Time: 22.1
15	28	200-yd. Individual Medley -- 1. Mark McKee (UF) 2. Bob Bridges (UF) 3. Ron Petts (FSU) Time: 2:03.3
23	29	One 200-yd Meter Diving -- 1. Howie Acosta (FSU) 2. Phil Boggs (FSU) 3. Bob Link (UF) Award: 294.90 Meet Record
27	34	200-yd Butterfly -- 1. Barry Russo (UF) 2. Jim Vining (FSU) 3. Bruce Rathman (FSU) Time: 2:00.6 2:00.6
35	35	100-yd. Freestyle -- 1. Dean Jerger (FSU) 2. Jim Harrison (FSU) 3. (tie) Steve Hairston (UF) Andy McPherson (UF) Time: 49.1
39	40	200-yd. Backstroke -- 1. Bill Strate (UF) 2. Bill Gest (FSU) 3. Dennis Shields (FSU) Time: 2:04.9
43	45	500-yd. Freestyle -- 1. Bruce Williams (UF) 2. Jim Thompson (FSU) 3. Mark Jenkins (FSU) Time: 4:58.2
46	51	200-yd. Breaststroke -- 1. Mark McKee (UF) 2. Norm Leges (FSU) 3. Jim Perkins (UF) Time: 2:17.0 Meet Record
54	52	Three Meter Diving -- 1. Phil Boggs (FSU) 2. Ken VenReenn (FSU) 3. Ray Smith (UF) Award: 306.80
61	52	400-yd. Freestyle Relay -- 1. FSU (Eisinger, Stafford, Harrison Jerger) 2. UF (Williams, Hough, McKee, McPherson) Time: 3:12.8 Meet Record

Final Score: FSU 61
UF 52

Florida State's never-say-die swimmers stormed back from a 13-point deficit Saturday afternoon to upset previously undefeated Florida 61-52 at Union Pool.

As in the past four meets, this one went down to the wire with a two-tenths second margin in the final 400-yard freestyle relay accounting for the final outcome.

The Seminoles' Dean Jerger captured hero honors in this one, winning the 50-yard freestyle, the 100-yard freestyle and anchoring that decisive final relay.

Jerger started even with Florida's All-America Andy McPherson on the final leg, but came out with a stroke lead on the turn after the first 50 yards. He held on then for the win.

The Seminoles time in the big race was a sparkling 3:12.8 setting new meet, pool and school records.

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THE GATORS opened the meet with a win in the medley relay.

Florida State's Dennis Shiels, out all week with the flu, swam his leg of the relay, but was not back in peak form.

Florida's Bruce Williams then won the 1000-yard freestyle by more than a lap over FSU's Steve McNerney. Williams time of 10:19.9 was a new meet and pool record.

Seminole John Stafford gave the Tribe its first win with a 1:47.7 clocking in the 200-freestyle. Florida took second and third.

Shiels started his specialty, the individual medley, but

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tired badly, finishing fourth as Florida swept first and second to jump out to a commanding 28-15 lead after the first five events.

Howie Acosta and Phil Boggs narrowed the gap to six, 23-29 ~~with a one-two sweep of the one-meter diving.~~ Acosta's 294.9 award set a new meet record.

Florida came back behind Barry Russo to win the butterfly, but managed to pick up only a single point as Jim Vinning and Bruce Rathman finished second and third for the Seminoles.

In the 100-yard freestyle the Tribe picked up an unexpected eight points with Jerger and Jim Harrison finishing just

ahead of Florida's Steve Hairston and McPherson. That win pulled the Seminoles into a 35-35 tie.

Bill Strate then won the backstroke, putting the Gators back in front. When Williams and Mark McKee won the 500-yard freestyle and breaststroke Florida had a 51-46 advantage.

The Seminoles came back with a one-two finish in the three-meter diving, however, to send them into the final relay with a 54-52 advantage. Boggs captured first in the three-meter event with a meet record 306.8 award.



A STEADY rain which fell throughout the meet let up just

as the final relay was about to get underway.

Florida's Williams held a stroke lead after the first leg, but the second man for the Seminoles, Stafford, made it up in his turn. The third leg between Harrison and McKee was reminiscent of a water ballet with the swimmers matching strokes, leaving the final heroics to Jerger.

It was the first time in the last five meets the Seminoles have defeated the Gators, although FSU holds a 18-9 lifetime advantage.

The Tribe is now 6-2, while Florida is 5-1 for the season.

Florida State's next meet will be Thursday against East Carolina here.

Chattahoochee.

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