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FSU SWIMMING AND DIVING DEFEATS MIAMI

TALLAHASSEE, FL -- The Florida State men's and women's swimming and diving teams defeated the University of Miami Friday afternoon at Stults Aquatic Center on the FSU Campus in their first meet of the season. The men beat the Hurricanes by the score of 149-90 while the women won 124-119. Florida State goes to 1-0 on the year with the victory. Miami dropped to 1-1.

FSU's men started the meet by winning both relays and finishing second in the 1000 free. Junior Stephen Parry won the first individual event for the men in the 200 free with a time of 1:39.96 and added victories in the 200 fly and 500 free later in the meet. All-American Brendon Dedekind won the 50 free (20.38) and the 100 free (44.76), both NCAA "B" consideration times. Sophomore Brett Petersen added points with a win in the 200 breast (2:09.25) and freshman Greg Main-Baillie took second in the 200 IM (1:56.07). FSU also took first and third in the 400 free relay. Diver Brent Burkman finished third in the 1-meter diving and fifth in the 5-meter event. Each of the Seminole divers scored points for Florida State.

The FSU women faced a more difficult challenge against Miami, who finished 15th in the NCAA Championships last year. Freshman Kristen Adams took charge winning both the 100 free (52.56) and 200 free (1:52.77). Senior Rachael Amman added a victory in the 50 free (24.74) while Sarah Kate Havens finished first in the 200 back (2:07.16). Samantha White added points with a second place effort in the 200 breast (2:25.45). The Lady Seminole divers each scored for FSU with senior Sarah Henderson taking third in both the 1 and 3-meter springboards. Florida State needed the 400 free relay to edge the Hurricanes as the Lady Seminoles finished first and third to grab a 5-point meet victory.

"We really swam a great meet tonight," said head coach Don Gibb. "I'm especially proud of the women, who had to swim a tough Miami team and didn't let that stop them from winning. Instead of being intimidated, they stepped up and went after Miami. This was a great win."

The men and women will return to competition next Saturday, October 11, when they host Florida Atlantic, Florida A&M, and Indian River Community College. The meet begins at 9 a.m. at the Stults Aquatic Center.