



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS



2002-03 FLORIDA STATE MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Nnamnse Ammons	Sr.	Free	Mitchellville, Md. (Dematha Catholic)
Michael Averett	So.	Fly, Free	Davie, Fla. (Pine Crest)
Jason Beinlich	Fr.	Diving	Ridley, Pa. (Ridley)
Justin Betts	Sr.	Breast, IM	Springfield, Va. (Lee)
Ted Bradley	So.	Free, Back	St. Petersburg, Fla. (Northeast)
Brent Campbell	Fr.	Back	Weston, Fla. (Western)
Matt Carmen	Sr.	Free	Merritt Island, Fla. (U.S. Coast Guard Academy)
Andrew Castro	So.	Free, Fly, Back	Miami, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
Pete Crane	Fr.	Diving	Fairport, N.Y. (Fairport)
Devin Crock	Sr.	Fly, Free, Back	Alexandria, Va. (Bishop O'Connell)
Stuart de la Rossa	Fr.	Diving	Erdenhiem, Pa. (Springfield Township)
Louis Gagnet	So.	Diving	Mission Viejo, Calif. (University)
Jared Heine	Fr.		Honolulu, Hawaii (Damien Memorial)
Sam Hood	So.	Diving	Philadelphia, Pa. (LaSalle Univ.)
Wyatt Hoover	So.	Free, Breast	Ft. Pierce, Fla. (Indian River C.C.)
Joey Marshburn	Sr.	Free, Fly	Marietta, Ga. (Wheeler)
Wickus Nienaber	Jr.	Breast, IM	Simugye, Swaziland (Cornerstone)
Michael Paulus	Jr.	Free	Somerset West, South Africa (Paul Roos Gym)
Alan Ribeiro	So.	Free	Pompano Beach, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbins)
Joel Roycik	Fr.	Free	Winter Park, Fla. (Winter Park)
Andrew Skaggs	So.	Distance Free	Jacksonville, Fla. (Bolles)
Tal Stricker	Jr.	Breast, IM	Ramat-Gan, Israel (Langham Creek)
Chris Vythoulkas	Fr.	Back, Fly, Free	Pompano Beach, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
Matt Wheeler	Jr.	Fly, IM	Houston, Texas (Good Counsel)

HEAD COACH: Neil Harper (Louisiana State '88)

DIVING COACH: Patrick Jeffrey (Ohio State '88)

ASSISTANT COACHES: Andy Robins (William & Mary '83), John Fedena (Delaware '98), Anne Blachford (Florida State '00)



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Hometown (Previous School)</u>
Emily Breen	So.	Free, Fly	Savannah, Ga. (H.V. Jenkins)
Katie Byrnes	Jr.	Back	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Washington State)
Margaret Colley	Sr.	Back, Fly	Jacksonville, Fla. (Univ. of Florida)
Rachel Dong	Jr.	Breast, Fly, IM	Paramount, Calif. (Washington State)
Emma Dutton	Jr.	Breast, IM	Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
Loren Hansen	Jr.	IM, Fly	Pensacola, Fla. (Washington)
Jennifer Henshaw	Jr.	Breast, IM, Fly	Fort Meyers, Fla. (Cleveland State)
Lisa How	So.	Fly, IM, Free	Preston, England (Hutton Grammar)
Laura Kenney	So.	IM, Back, Free	Plano, Texas (Plano)
Angie Leach	So.	Free	Leesburg, Fla. (Leesburg)
Chelsie Lerew	Jr.	Diving	Orlando, Fla. (Lake Highland Prep)
Andree-Anne LeRoy	Jr.	Back, IM	Nanaimo, B.C., Canada (Washington State)
Amy Lo	Jr.	Distance Free	Longwood, Fla. (Lake Brantley)
Jennie Lyes	So.	Free, Back	Staines, England (Magna Carta)
Tiffany Manning	So.	Diving	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Capistrano Valley)
Courtney McClow	So.	Diving	Jacksonville, Fla. (Forrest)
Betsy Nagy	Sr.	Back, IM	Shalimar, Fla. (Niceville)
Elizabeth Parkinson	Jr.	Free	Johannesburg, South Africa (Univ. of Hawaii)
Amanda Paulo	Fr.	Back	Springhill, Fla. (Hudson)
Christie Pesce	So.	Free	Tampa, Fla. (H.B. Plant)
Tonya Rasor	Jr.	Fly, Free	Niceville, Fla. (Niceville)
Jennifer Smith	Jr.	Distance Free	Pensacola, Fla. (Washington)
Kayce Zemina	So.	Free	Plantation, Fla. (Plantation)

HEAD COACH: Neil Harper (Louisiana State '88)

DIVING COACH: Patrick Jeffrey (Ohio State '88)

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2002-03 FLORIDA STATE SWIMMING & DIVING QUICK FACTS

Location:	Tallahassee, Fla.
Enrollment:	35,462
Founded:	1851
Symbol:	Seminoles
Colors:	Garnet & Gold
Affiliation:	NCAA Division I
Conference:	Atlantic Coast
President:	Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte
Athletics Director:	Dave Hart, Jr.
Associate AD (swimming):	Kim Record
Home Facility	Bim Stults Aquatics Center Bobby E. Leach Center
FSU Website:	www.fsu.edu
Head Coach:	Neil Harper (Louisiana State '88)
Men's Record at FSU/Yrs:	23-13/3
Women's Record at FSU/Yrs:	31-11/3
Men's Career Record/Yrs:	23-13/3
Women's Career Record/Yrs:	46-23/5
Associate Head Coach:	Andy Robins (William & Mary '83)
Diving Coach:	Patrick Jeffery (Ohio State '88)
Assistant Coaches:	John Fedena (Delaware '98) Anne Blachford (Florida State '00)
Swimming/Diving Secretary:	Yolundia Wilson
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Men's Letterwinners R/L:	16/6
Women's Letterwinners R/L:	20/11
Men's 2001-2002 Record:	10-3 (2-1 ACC)
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	Final CSCAA ranking- No. 22
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FSU's Cech, Betts honored: Florida State swimmers Christy Cech and Justin Betts have been named Academic All-Americans by the College Swimming Coaches Association. Both teams earned CSCAA Academic All-America team honors. Cech, who graduated in the spring, has a 3.88 GPA. Betts has a 3.53 GPA.

Cool in the pool

ACC picks five FSU swimmers to its 50th anniversary men's swim team.

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■ COLLEGES

5 Seminoles on ACC all-time swim team

The Atlantic Coast Conference picked five Florida State swimmers to its 50th anniversary men's swim team. Swimmers Rob Braknis, Brendon Dedekind, Stephen Parry, Brett Peterson and Julio Santos were named to the 51-member team. Dedekind (1996-99) became the first FSU swimmer to win two national titles, winning the 50-yard freestyle in 1998 and the 100 breaststroke in 1999. He swept the ACC's 50 freestyle every year and won 10 ACC titles overall. Representing South Africa, he also finished fifth in the 2000 Olympics in the 50-meter freestyle. Parry (1996-99) won the 200 butterfly at the 1997 NAAs and earned All-America honors all four years in the 200 butterfly and three years in the 100 butterfly. He holds school records in the 200 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 100 and 200 butterfly and 200 individual medley. Braknis (1994-98) still holds the school 200 backstroke mark. Peterson (1997-2000) earned All-America marks in the 1999 100 breaststroke, the 1998 200 medley relay and the 1999 400 medley relay. Santos (1997-99) earned six All-America honors.

Seminole swimmers take aim at ACC, NCAAs

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By Bill Mayville

To say the Seminole swimming and diving teams are excited about the upcoming swim season would be an understatement. A huge understatement, actually.

"Last year they proved to themselves that this is a successful way to do it," Florida State head coach Neil Harper said. "They know what they are doing now, and they are more familiar with it."

"We're excited about where they're at and what they're doing. I think we have a well-rounded team, a close-knit team, and we're looking forward to some tough dual meets and some good victories."

The men's squad is coming off a season in which the Seminoles finished fourth in the ACC and sent only two athletes to compete at the NCAA Championships. The fourth-place finish left the men's team somewhat frustrated with their efforts.

"We were a little disappointed last year with how we did," senior Justin Betts said. "This year, we are on a mission to prove to everyone in the ACC that we belong."

The men's team has good reason to be optimistic about the upcoming season. The team lost only three seniors from last year's squad, and this year the team has five strong seniors to lead the way. The team also has added nine new faces, including a pair of transfers, giving them solid depth in many events, a luxury they didn't have last year.

"This year should be our strongest year since I've been here," Betts said. "We've got five seniors who are going to be leaving here next year, and we're all real excited about swimming this season."

"We've got a bunch of newcomers coming in that are looking good, and everybody's training real hard. I don't think we've trained this hard in the four years I've been here."

After competing in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke events at the NCAAs, Betts will be one of the five seniors coach Harper will rely on to anchor the men's squad. Nnamse Ammons, Matt Carmen, Devin Crock and Joey Marshburn give the Seminoles a strong senior group that includes four All-ACC honorees

New faces join

FSU swimming teams

Men's Swim Team

Lost:

Richard Cowling (graduation)
Steven Forson (graduation)
Jonathan Kaplan (graduation)

Added:

Jason Beinlich (freshman)
Brent Campbell (freshman recruit)
Pete Crane (freshman)
Jared Heine (freshman)
Sam Hood (soph. transfer, LaSalle Univ.)
Fernando Jacome (junior transfer, Indian River Community College)
Stuart de la Rossa (freshman)
Joel Roycik (freshman)
Chris Vythoulkas (freshman)

Women's Swim Team:

Lost:

Christy Cech (graduation)
Amber Goodwin (graduation)
Caren Hirai (graduation)
Lisa Kirsch (graduation)
Keryn Krynauw (graduation)
Candice Nethercott (graduation)
Michelle Sekeres (graduation)

Added:

Katie Byrnes (Jr. Transfer, Washington St.)
Rachel Dong (Jr. Transfer, Washington St.)
Andree-Anne LeRoy (Jr. Transfer, Wash. St.)
Amanda Paulo (freshman)

(Ammons, Betts, Crock and Marshburn) and one team Most Improved award winner (Carmen).

Juniors Tal Stricker and Wickus Nienaber will also be counted on heavily by the Seminoles.

For the Lady Seminoles, the excitement may at first seem premature. Despite coming off a third-place ACC finish last season, Florida State lost seven athletes to graduation, including Christy Cech and Candice Nethercott, both of whom competed at the 2002 NCAA Swimming and

Diving Championships.

Cech's performance in the 50-free earned her Honorable Mention All-America honors, while Nethercott barely missed All-America honors in the 100-butterfly.

Despite the loss of two stalwarts in the FSU lineup, the outlook is rather bright for the women's team. The Seminoles do return Emma Dutton, who, competed in three events at the 2002 NAAs and was named one of the team's Most Valuable Swimmers last season. Dutton competed in the 100-free, 100-butterfly and 200 individual medley at the NAAs.

"We lost a couple of good seniors, but in terms of our new ones, our newcomers, our transfers, we feel they can come in and fill those shoes easily," Harper explained. "They're a little more diverse in terms of the events they can swim."

Boosting the women's lineup are three standout junior transfers from Washington State University. Katie Byrnes, Rachel Dong and Andree-Anne LeRoy join Florida State after strong sophomore campaigns in which Dong and LeRoy qualified for the 2002 NCAA Championships.

Seniors Margaret Colley and Betsy Nagy will be looked to for leadership for the relatively young squad.

"I'm not worried about a lack of senior leadership," Harper explained. "This team is close, this team is very focused and dedicated."

Asked how the Lady Seminoles stack up to the rest of the ACC, Harper noted the team "snuck up" on the ACC somewhat last season, jumping from a pair of fifth-place finishes in 2000 and 2001 to last season's third-place finish.

"Usually North Carolina and Virginia look at each other and see how they square off," Harper said. "There's probably going to be a cautious eye looking at our results this year."

"We finished third, and we were a clear third last year. Our sights are set higher this year."

In the diving events, the Seminoles look as strong as ever, as both squads return experienced standout divers who have dominated in the ACC for the last

two seasons.

Sophomore Louie Gagnet, the men's team's other representative at the 2002 NAAs, returns to anchor the Seminoles. The defending ACC one- and three-meter champion narrowly missed All-America honors at the 2002 NAAs, finishing 18th overall in the three-meter.

Four heralded newcomers, including sophomore transfer Sam Hood from LaSalle University, will join Gagnet, giving the Seminoles excellent diving depth. Rounding out the men's squad are highly touted freshmen Jason Beinlich, Peter Crane and Stuart de la Rossa.

The women's team returns a trio of diving standouts, including junior standout Chelsie Lerew and sophomores Tiffany Manning and Courtney McClow. Lerew won the three-meter ACC Championship for the second straight year en route to ACC Diver of the Year honors. Manning's incredible rookie season included first-team All-America honors and ACC Swimming and Diving Rookie of the Year accolades, while McClow took home the ACC one-meter championship.

"Last year was just fun and exciting," Manning said. "I am just going to try to do the same this year, with no expectations. I'm learning a lot of new dives, so we'll see."

"We're pumped, we are definitely excited," Manning said when asked about the upcoming season.

Diving coach Patrick Jeffrey said the talent level as well as the attitudes of his divers makes them a special group to work with.

"This is the best group of kids I've had since I've been here," Jeffrey said. "The kids want it. They want to work harder, they want to be better, and they know what it takes. They are willing to work through all the injuries and the long hours, the Saturday mornings, the wind and the rain, whatever it takes."

The Seminoles hit the road to start the 2002-2003 campaign, opening the season with Florida Atlantic on Friday and Miami on Saturday. Georgia Tech rolls into Tallahassee for the Seminoles' home opener on Saturday, Nov. 2.

■ COLLEGES

Schofield gets coaches All-Region

honor: Cindy Schofield was selected to the All-South Region second team by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. She tallied 15 goals and six assists for FSU, which advanced to the third round of the NCAA tournament this year. She finished with 32 career goals and 14 career assists.

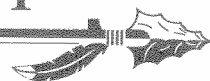
FSU's Marshburn earns ACC swimming

honor: FSU swimmer Joey Marshburn posted two ACC-best times this week at the Georgia Invitational, earning ACC swimming athlete of the week. Marshburn won the 50 freestyle in an ACC-best 20.31 seconds. He also finished second in the 100 freestyle in an ACC-best 44.96.



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November 2, 2002

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FSU Men's Swimming & Diving Past The Test Against Georgia Tech, 144.5-98.5

Five Seminoles earn two wins against the Yellow Jackets.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida State men's swimming and diving team earned a huge victory against last year's Atlantic Coast Conference runner-up Georgia Tech (1-1, 0-1 ACC) with a 144.5-98.5 win. The Seminoles move to 3-0 on the year and 1-0 in the conference after winning nine of the meet's 13 events Saturday afternoon at the Bim Stutls Outdoor Pool. Leading the way were five Seminoles, senior Devin Crock, juniors Wickus Nienaber and Michael Paulus, sophomore Louie Gagnet and freshman Joel Roycik, who each picked up two wins.

To begin the meet, Crock, Nienaber, senior Nnamnse Ammons and freshman Chris Vythoulikas won the 400-yard medley relay at 3:23.89. The 400-medley time is currently the second-fastest mark in the ACC. Nienaber swam the third-fastest time in the ACC this year to win the 200-yard breaststroke at 2:04.93. Crock's second victory of the day came in the 200-yard butterfly (1:53.75).

The Seminoles ruled the pool in the freestyle sprints and 400-free relay. Paulus won the 50-free at 20.88, which is third best in the ACC and tops on the team. Roycik followed in second place at 21.18 and senior Joey Marshburn tied for third at 21.66. In the 100-free, the Seminoles finished first, second, third and fourth, with all four Seminoles turning in ACC top-10 times. Roycik took the 100-free victory (46.20), followed by Paulus (46.67), Ammons (46.97) and senior Matt Carmen (47.06). The Tribe ended the day with a victory in the 400-free relay as Carmen, Paulus, Marshburn and Roycik teamed up to touch wall at 3:06.27.

The Tribe earned important team points in the diving events, as well. Sophomore Louie Gagnet swept both springboards by turning the second-best score in the ACC on the one-meter (285.10) and winning the three-meter at 313.10. Fellow sophomore Sam Hood finished second in the three-meter (238.80) and third on the one-meter (252.05).

Rounding out the wins for FSU was junior Fernando Jacome won the 200-free at 1:40.72, which ranks him fourth in the ACC.

The Seminoles return to the pool next Saturday, Nov. 9, when they host their second home meet of the season against Indian River Community College. The meet is scheduled for a 10 a.m. start at the Stutls pool.





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November 9, 2002

FSU Men's Swimming & Diving Hold Off A Tough IRCC Squad

Louie Gagnet broke the school record on the three-meter springboard.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida State men's swimming team remained perfect on the season, improving to 4-0, after defeating Indian River Community College, the nation's No. 1 junior college program, Saturday morning at the Bim Stults Pool by the score of 136-102. The Seminoles were able to sneak past the Pioneers thanks in part to the performance of sophomore Louie Gagnet. Gagnet, last year's ACC Most Valuable Diver, won both the one- and three-meter springboard events and broke his own three-meter school record in doing so. Gagnet's score of 380.92 on the three-meter surpassed the previous record of 363.85, which he set last season. He scored 312.75 to win the one-meter event.

The Seminoles started the meet off strong, winning four of the first five events, before having to stave-off a comeback attempt by the Pioneers. The Tribe scored first in the 200-yard medley relay when junior Tal Stricker, sophomores Andrew Castro and Michael Averett and freshman Brent Campbell combined to touch the wall at 1:37.67. The Seminoles had a second relay team actually finish ahead of Stricker and company, but was disqualified.

FSU went on to earn wins from sophomore Alan Ribeiro in the 1000-yard freestyle (9:48.01), junior Fernando Jacome, a former Pioneer swimmer, in the 200-free (1:41.86) and junior Wickus Nienaber in the 200-yard individual medley (1:57.59) before IRCC made their run of four-straight wins in the swimming events. Nienaber, however, put an end to IRCC's comeback with his second win, and the Seminole's last, of the day in the 100-yard breaststroke (57.96).

FSU will host its third-straight home meet on Nov. 19, when they take on rival Florida. The meet will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Leach Center Pool, FSU's indoor facility.





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November 12, 2002

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Gagnet Named ACC Men's Swimming & Diving Performer Of The Week

Louie Gagnet broke the school record on the three-meter springboard.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Florida State swimming and diving earned its first Atlantic Coast Conference award of the 2002-03 season with the announcement of Louie Gagnet as the Men's ACC Swimming and Diving Performer of the Week. Gagnet, a sophomore out of Mission Viejo, Calif., turned in a spectacular weekend of winning performances on the three- and one-meter springboards.

Gagnet, the 2002 ACC Most Valuable Diver, shattered the previous FSU and Leach Center Pool records on the three-meter with a score of 380.92. The mark is tops in the ACC this year and surpasses the previous school record of 363.85, which Gagnet set as a freshman last year. In addition, Gagnet won the one-meter with the season's second-best ACC mark of 312.75.

The Seminoles will return to action on Nov. 19, when they host rival Florida. The meet is scheduled for a 6 p.m. start at the Leach Center Pool.





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January 6, 2003

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Nienaber, LeRoy Earn ACC Weekly Honors

Wickus Nienaber won four events for the men, while Andree-Anne LeRoy was victorious in three events last Saturday.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Two members of the Florida State swimming and diving team were recognized for their top performances this past weekend as the Atlantic Coast Conference announced Monday that juniors Wickus Nienaber and Andree-Anne LeRoy were named ACC Swimmer and Divers of the Week.

The weekly honor is the second for Nienaber (Simugye, Swaziland), who earned the award last season. On Saturday, Nienaber won two individual events in addition to helping the No. 25 Seminoles take two relay victories in their win over UNC-Wilmington. The Seminoles (7-2, 1-0 ACC) have now had three individuals earn the conference's weekly honor, as Nienaber joins previous winners Louie Gagnet and Joey Marshburn.

Nienaber placed first in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke events with times of 56.61 and 2:05.69, respectively, before leading the Tribe to victories in the 200-medley and 200-free relays. Currently, Nienaber holds the ACC's best time this season in the 100-breast (54.61) and third-best mark in the 200-breast (1:59.77). The FSU men also have the conference's best marks in the 200-free relay (1:20.28) and 200-medley relay (1:28.71).

LeRoy (British Columbia, Canada), a transfer from Washington State, became the first Lady Seminole to earn the conference honor this season following an impressive performance in a tri-meet against UNCW and North Florida, scoring victories in three events. LeRoy showed her versatility and talent with wins in the 100-backstroke (58.21), 200-breast (2:24.69) and the 200-IM (2:06.41). Her efforts led the No. 20 Lady Seminoles to their eighth and ninth victories of the season. LeRoy currently ranks among the ACC's top 10 this season in the 200-back and is third in the conference in the 200- and 400-IMs.

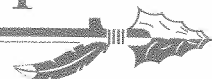
The Seminoles will compete next against ACC foe NC State on Jan. 10, in Raleigh, N.C.





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January 10, 2003

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No. 25 FSU Men's Swimming & Diving Defeat ACC Foe NC State, 137-106

Sophomore diver Louie Gagnet won both springboard events to lead the Seminoles in the win over the Wolfpack.

RALEIGH, N.C. – The No. 25 Florida State men's swimming and diving team remained undefeated in the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 137-106 defeat over host NC State on Friday night. The Seminoles (8-2, 2-0 ACC) defeated the Wolfpack in eight of the 13 events.

Sophomore diver Louie Gagnet led the Seminole attack on the 'Pack with victories on the one- and three-meter springboards. Gagnet took first-place on the one-meter with a score of 311.25 and later scored 344.7 points to win the three-meter.

The Tribe swept the relay events against NC State by taking both the 400-medley and 400-free relays. Seniors Nnamse Ammons and Joey Marshburn teamed with junior Fernando Jacome and freshman Joel Roycik to win the 400-free relay at 3:03.25. In the 400-medley, Ammons joined fellow senior Devin Crock, junior Wickus Nienaber and freshman Chris Vythoukas in a first-place finish of 3:23.14.

Ammons added an individual victory by winning the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 46.09. Marshburn turned in a winning time of 20.74 to earn first-place honors in the 50-free. The seniors ruled the water once more when Crock touched the wall first in the 200-butterfly at 1:52.10.

Rounding out the wins for the Seminoles was Jacome, who won the 200-free with a time of 1:40.78.

The Seminoles will remain in North Carolina to take on an ACC powerhouse in No. 14 ranked UNC and Big East power Rutgers on Saturday at noon in Chapel Hill.





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January 11, 2003

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FSU's 25th Ranked Men's Swimming & Diving Team Upsets No. 14 UNC *Seminoles win their 10th victory for the second straight year, which is a first for the 54-year-old program.*

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – The 25th-ranked Florida State men's swimming and diving team upset No. 14 North Carolina with a 158-142 victory in Chapel Hill, N.C. on Saturday. The Seminoles added their 10th win of the year by sweeping their tri-meet competition by defeating Rutgers, 201-97. FSU remained undefeated in the conference at 3-0, while extending its overall record to 10-2.

The Seminoles earned their 10th victory for the second straight year one day after the women's squad reached the same accomplishment. Head coach Neil Harper, who is in his fourth season at the helm of both the men's and women's teams, became the first FSU head coach in school history to lead both squads to double digits wins in consecutive years. The feat is more outstanding when factoring in that the men's program is in its 54th year and the women's in its 27th year.

FSU's strength and depth in nearly every event led to Saturday's sweep over top national competition. The Tribe won nine of the meet's 16 events, while finishing in the top three 18 times.

The Seminoles started off the meet on a strong note by placing first and third in first event, the 200-medley relay. The squad of seniors Devin Crock, Joey Marshburn and Nnamse Ammons with junior Wickus Nienaber won the relay with a time of 1:31.55. In third place with a time of 1:32.58 was senior Justin Betts, junior Michael Paulus, sophomore Michael Averett and freshman Chris Vythoulkas.

Crock and Ammons each went on to add two more first-place finishes and a second-place finish. Crock won both the 100-yard backstroke (50.57) and 100-butterfly (48.89), while settling for second-place honors in the 200-fly (1:51.88). Ammons placed first in the 100-freestyle (45.95) and was the Seminoles' top finisher in the 50-free with a second-place finish (20.56). Ammons, joined by seniors Joey Marshburn and Matt Carmen and Vythoulkas, helped seal the upset victory by winning the 400-free relay at 3:02.13.

Sophomore diver Louie Gagnet played a big role in the win by placing first on the one-meter (297.90) and three-meter (346.20) springboard events.



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October 27, 2002

Lady Seminoles Place Third At SMU Swimming & Diving Classic

FSU won both freestyle relays to hold off UCLA and secure a third-place finish.

DALLAS – The Florida State women's swimming and diving team placed third at the SMU Women's Classic Saturday evening in Dallas. The Lady Seminoles won the 400- and 200-yard freestyle relays to secure an outstanding third-place finish against five of the top programs in the nation. Southern Methodist, host of the event, won with 347 points, followed by Cal-Berkeley (310.5), FSU (282), UCLA (273.5), Alabama (233) and Pacific (201).

FSU's 400-free relay squad of sophomores Jennie Lyes and Emily Breen, junior Emma Dutton and senior Liz Parkinson won with a NCAA B-cut time of 3:25.08.

Entering the final event of the meet, the 200-free relay, the Lady Seminoles held only a two and a half-point lead over UCLA for third place. The relay team of Lyes, Breen, Parkinson and junior Rachel Dong defeated the Bruins by over two seconds with a first-place mark of 1:34.64. SMU came in second, only .16-of a second behind the Lady Seminoles.

The Lady Seminoles turned in strong performances in the other seven events of the evening, earning important team points throughout the day.

In the 100-yard freestyle championship, Breen placed second with a time of 51.78. In the consolation final, Parkinson finished second at 52.79.

Sophomore diver Courtney McClow placed fourth on the three-meter springboard with a score of 226.5.

Junior Andree-Anne LeRoy finished fourth in the 200-yard backstroke championship with a mark of 2:04.84. Lyes turned in a fourth-place time of 2:08.23 in the consolation final. LeRoy later placed sixth in the 200-IM championship (2:07.55), followed by a third-place finish by Dutton (2:06.47) in the consolation final.

Junior Loren Hansen and sophomore Lisa How placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 500-free championship. Hansen swam the course in 4:56.65, while How turned in a time of 4:57.35. Hansen also placed third in the 200-yard butterfly consolation championship at 2:05.79.

Dutton (2:20.16) finished fifth in the 200-yard breaststroke championship. Dong (2:24.61) turned in another fifth-place finish in the consolation final.

The Seminoles will return to action on Nov. 2, when they host their first home meet of the season against ACC foe Georgia Tech. The meet will take place at the Bim Stults Pool on the campus of FSU at 2 p.m.





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Lady Seminoles Swimming & Diving Swim Past Indian River Community College

Dutton, Hansen and Lerew lead the way for Florida State.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Lady Seminoles swimming and diving team improved their record to 4-0 on the season with an impressive victory over I.R.C.C., 184-59, on Saturday at the Bim Stults Outdoor Pool. Saturday's victory marks the 13th consecutive dual meet win for the Lady Seminoles. The FSU victory came in a commanding fashion as Florida State won 12 of the day's 13 events. Juniors Emma Dutton and Loren Hansen lead the way for the Tribe, combining to win a total of five events on the afternoon. Junior Chelsie Lerew was also impressive winning on both the one- and three-meter diving events.

The tandem of Dutton and Hansen joined up with fellow juniors Katie Byrnes and Rachel Dong to put together a first place time of 1:48.64 in the 200-yard medley relay and put the Lady Seminoles on track to have big day winning the first event. From there the lady Seminoles went on to win three out of the next four events with Hansen picking up a victory in the 200-yard freestyle (1:53.05) and Dutton winning in the 50-free with a time of 23:92. Hansen also went on to win 100-yard breaststroke and the 500-free, while Dutton turned in a winning contribution in 100-breast.

Senior Liz Parkinson and Sophomore Emily Breen also turned in great performances for the Lady Seminoles winning two events a piece. Individually, Parkinson won the 100-free (53.48) and Breen won the 100-yard butterfly (56.97). Both Parkinson and Breen teamed up with Sophomores Kayce Zemina and Christie Pesce to win the 200- free relay with a time of 1:38.39.

In diving action, the Lady Seminoles continued their winning ways by sweeping I.R.C.C on the one- and three-meter boards. Lerew was the top performer for the Lady Seminoles as she put together first-place finishes on both the one- and three- meter boards. Sophomores Tiffany Manning and Courtney McClow also dove well for the Lady Seminoles today. Manning earned a second-place finish on the three-meter board and McClow also earned a second-place finish on the one-meter board. The Lady Seminoles teamed up to earn a total of 32 points in the diving events.

The Lady Seminoles will be back in action on Nov. 19 when they play host to rival school Florida. The meet will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Leach Center Pool, FSU's indoor facility.





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January 10, 2003

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No. 20 FSU Women's Swimming & Diving Remain Perfect In The Conference, Defeat NC State, 136-107

The Lady Seminoles earn double-digit victories in consecutive years for the first time in school history.

RALEIGH, N.C. – Florida State's 20th ranked women's swimming and diving team continued its winning ways by defeating Atlantic Coast Conference opponent NC State, 136-107, to remain undefeated in the conference at 2-0 and improve its record to 10-1. The victory marked the first time in school history that the Lady Seminoles had won 10 or more dual meets in consecutive seasons. Last season, FSU won a school record 14 meets.

Junior Loren Hansen led the Lady Seminoles, who won nine of the meet's 13 events, with two individual victories. Hansen took first-place honors in the 200-yard freestyle (1:53.09) and later won the 500-free at 5:00.47 to seal the victory for FSU.

The Lady Seminoles solidified the victory by taking both the 400-medley and 400-free relays. The 400-medley relay team of senior Elizabeth Parkinson, juniors Andree-Anne LeRoy and Emma Dutton and sophomore Emily Breen won with a time of 3:54.38. Breen was later joined by fellow juniors Hansen and Rachel Dong and sophomore Jennie Lyes to win the 400-free relay at 3:34.09.

Breen went on to win the 100-yard freestyle at 51.86, while Lyes added a victory in the 50-free with a time of 24.00. Dutton touched the wall first in the 200-breast at 2:20.85. Sophomores Lisa How and Golda Marcus round out the winners for the Lady Seminoles with wins in the 200-butterfly (2:03.90) and 1000-free (10:24.00), respectively.

The Lady Seminoles will remain in North Carolina to take on an ACC powerhouse in No. 14 ranked UNC and Big East power Rutgers on Saturday at noon in Chapel Hill.





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January 11, 2003

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No. 20 FSU Women's Swimming & Diving Beat Rutgers, Fall To No. 11 UNC

Junior Emma Dutton and sophomore Chelsie Lerew each win two events.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – Florida State's 20th-ranked women's swimming and diving team defeated Rutgers, 151-149, before dropping its first Atlantic Coast Conference meet to No. 11 North Carolina, 186-114, in a tri-meet at Chapel Hill, N.C. on Saturday. With the split, the Lady Seminoles record is 11-2 overall and 2-1 in the conference.

Junior Emma Dutton and sophomore Chelsie Lerew led FSU by picking up the Lady Seminoles' only victories of the day with two each. Overall, the FSU women finished in the top three 17 times out of the 16 events.

Dutton earned her first win in the 100-yard breaststroke with a finishing time of 1:02.94. She then won the 200-breast at 2:16.90 before finishing second in the 200-yard IM (2:06.59).

The Lady Seminoles' diving squad played a huge role in the defeat of Rutgers by sweeping first, second and third place on both the one- and three-meter boards. Lerew won the one-meter at 272.05 and later won the three-meter event with a score of 303.15. Sophomore Courtney McClow finished second on both boards, while fellow sophomore Tiffany Manning placed third in each event.

The Lady Seminoles sealed the victory over Rutgers in the final event, the 400-freestyle relay, by earning enough points to outscore the Scarlet Knights with third and fourth-place finishes.

The Lady Seminoles will end their dual meet season on Jan. 25 with a home meet against LSU at noon at the Bobby Leach Center.



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July 1, 2003

Three Seminoles Compete At Speedo National Diving Championships *Tiffany Manning turned in two top 13 performances.*

INDIANAPOLIS – Head diving coach Patrick Jeffrey traveled to Indianapolis, Ind., this past weekend with four divers who competed at the 2003 Speedo National Diving Championships held at the IU Natatorium on the IUPUI campus. The Speedo Championships served as the year's premier meet for the top U.S. divers, including many 2000 Olympic team members, and as a qualifying meet for the U.S. National team and Pan Am squad. Traveling with coach Jeffrey were current Seminoles Tiffany Manning, Courtney McClow and Sam Hood, joined with former Seminole Louie Gagnet.

Manning had the top performance over the weekend among the returning Seminole divers. On the 10-meter platform, an event Manning has already earned two All-America honors in, she advanced all the way to the semifinals where she finished 12th overall at 369.99. On the one-meter springboard, Manning, a two-time All-ACC honoree on the board, finished 13th (214.08), just missing the cut to advance to the semifinals by one spot.

McClow, the 2002 ACC champion and two-time All-ACC member on the one-meter, finished 18th overall in the event with a score of 204.93.

Hood, who completed his first season at FSU in 2003, earned valuable experience over the weekend, competing on the one-meter springboard and 10-meter platform. He advanced to the semifinals on the platform, finishing 18th (414.15), and made it to the quarterfinals on the one-meter before placing 16th (268.65).

Former FSU standout Gagnet turned in the top finish of the weekend among coach Jeffrey's participants with an eighth-place finish on the three-meter springboard (531.87). He recently earned All-America honors for the Seminoles at the 2003 NCAA Championships on the three-meter and owns two ACC titles in the event. Gagnet rounded out his weekend with a 15th-place finish on the one-meter (273.45).