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GAINESVILLE, March 15-Florida State's 400-yard freestyle relay team cracked a Florida pool record when the chips were down and the Seminole swimmers emerged with an upset 45-41 victory over the Gators here today.

Coach Bim Stults' swimmers staged a brilliant uphill battle to overtake favored Florida in the final event. It was the first

time State had beaten Florida here and gives the Seminoles a 3-2-1 edge in the heated series. • The victory was a fitting climax to State's 12-meet dual season that resulted in 10 triumphs against a single loss (SMU) and a tie. FSU and Florida had swum to a 43-43 deadlock at Tallahassee last month.

The Seminole victory came only a week after Florida had monopolized the Southeastern Conference swim meet with a record 206 points. The teams will vie again here next weekend when the Seminoles defend their Florida AAU championship.

Florida State was trailing, 41-38, heading into the final relay today. But Glenn Thatcher, Paul Hammond, Ken Abbott, and Ryan Ray teamed to turn the tide in record-shattering time of 3:32.3. Abbot also hung up firsts in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events as each team captured five firsts. Seven meet records fell during the afternoon. One of the most important was in the 200-yard backstroke when State's Jim Wentworth and Jerry Glancy came in ahead of Florida's SEC champ, Bill Ruggie, the fellow the Gators figured would make the difference.

Joel Jacobs remained unbeaten in the 200-yard breaststroke, capping an outstanding varsity career with a 2:35.2 time.

The summary:

400-yard medley relay--1, Florida (Bill Ruggie, Carl Wiedamann, Phil Drake, Bill Wenz). 4:03.5 (meet record.) 220-yard freestyle--1, Dave Calkin, Florida, 2, Tom Metz, FSU. 3, Graham Teschke, FSU, 2:15.5 (meet record). 50-yard freestyle--1, Ken Abbott, FSU. 2, Ryan Ray, FSU. 3, Terry Boff, Floridz, :23.2 (meet record). Elving-1, Pete Henne, Florida, 2, Bob Weber, FSU. 3, Bob Woods, Florida, 200-yard butterfly--1, Roy Tatelshi, Florida, 2, Phil Drake, Florida, 3, Bud Cole, FSU. 2:32,4, 100-yard freestyle--1, Ken Abbott; FSU, 2, Paul Hammond, FSU. 3, Bob Daganne, Florida, :42.4, 206-yard backstroke--1, Jim Wentworth, FSU, 2, Henry Glacy, FSU, 3, Bill Ruggie, Florida, 2:18.6 (meet record.) 440-yard freestyle--1; Phil Drake, Florida, 2, Dave Calkin, Florida, 3, Tom Metz, FSU, 4:55.3 (meet and pool record). 200-yard breastroke--1, Joel Jacobs, FSU, 2, Jim McDonnell, Florida, 3, Carl Wiedmann, Florida, 2:36.0, 400-yard freestyle relay--1, FSU (Glenn Thatcher, Ryan Ray, Paul Hammond, Ken Abbott.) 3:32.3 (meet and pool record.)