

GAINESVILLE—Team balance and a pair of first-place finishes by junior Paul Thompson helped Florida State close the book on another sparkling swimming season with a 48-40 victory over Florida here yesterday.

It was FSU's seventh straight triumph over the Southeastern Conference Gators and gives the Seminoles a 9-2-1 edge in the state rivalry.

Victors in 25 of their last 26 dual starts, Bim Stult's Seminoles finished with a 9-1 chart this season. The only loss was to Southwest Conference champion SMU.

FROSH LOSE

Florida's freshman team spoiled a perfect FSU freshman record, 56-39, in a preliminary meet. Dee Edington's Baby Seminoles, finishing with a 7-1 record, had beaten the Baby Gators handily at Tallahassee last month.

A crowd of 1,000-plus watched the FSU-Florida varsity squads get off to an unusual start. In the opening event, the 400-yard medley relay, both the Gators and Seminoles were disqualified after Florida apparently had jumped off to a 7-0 lead.

Officials disqualified the Florida quartet when one Gator swimmer failed to touch the bank on a turn. The Seminoles were disqualified when an FSU swimmer left the starting block too soon. The result—no points awarded to either team—had no bearing on the outcome of the meet.

Thompson was the only double winner. The Tallahassee product set a meet and Florida pool record with a 2:07.1 clocking in the 220 freestyle and added a first in the 440 freestyle.

PERFECT SEASON

FSU All-American Curtis Genders completed a perfect dual-meet season, defeating SEC champion Steve McBride in diving. Senior All-America Buck Hiles closed out a perfect dual campaign, taking the 200 individual

medley for his 15th straight individual triumph this year.

The teams lock horns here again next Saturday when FSU goes after a third straight Florida Intercollegiate championship.

Despite their 17-point setback, the Baby Seminoles came up with four new FSU freshman records. Jacksonville standout Lee Bransford set new marks in the 100 freestyle (:51.3) and 200 freestyle (1:55.2) events.

Dick Acosta notched a freshman record in the 100 backstroke (1:01.6) and Tom Lasanta added a yearling mark in the 100 breaststroke (1:09.2).

400 medley relay—Both teams disqualified.

220 freestyle—1. Thompson, FSU. 2. Green, F. 3. Briley, FSU. 2:07.1 (meet and pool record).

50 freestyle—1. Lauwaert, F. 2. Dunlap, FSU. 3. Mitchell, FSU. :23.4 (school record).

200 individual medley—1. Hiles, FSU. 2. Cullen, F. 3. Quayle, FSU. 2:15.3.

Diving—1. Genders, FSU. 2. McBride, FSU. 3. Owen, FSU.

200 butterfly—1. Reese, F. 2. Pyyko, FSU. 3. Combes, FSU. 2:12.1 (meet record).

100 freestyle—1. Green, F. 2. Dunlap, FSU. 3. Mitchell, FSU. :51.7.

200 backstroke—1. Davis, FSU. 2. Abstein, FSU. 3. Floyd, F. 2:17.5.

440 freestyle—1. Thompson, FSU. 2. Proctor, F. 3. Briley, FSU. 4:54.4.

200 breaststroke—1. Gromaner, F. 2. Richardson, FSU. 3. Fisher, FSU. 2:34.3.

400 freestyle relay—1. Florida (Wilder, Green, Lauwaert, Reese). 2. FSU. (meet, school and pool record).