

Medley Relay Squad Seeks NCAA Crown

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Four Florida State swimmers will compete Thursday in the NCAA Swimming Championships at Chapel Hill, N. C.

The swimmers, who will make up a 400 yd. medley relay team in addition to swimming in their individual events, are Joel Jacobs, Ryan Ray, Don Lewis, and Ken Abbott.

Coach Bin Stults of the Seminoles said, "This is the top meet of all swim meets. The competition received in this meet is unparalleled in swimming competition outside of the Olympics."

On the first leg of the relay will be Ken Abbott, last year's National Junior Backstroke champion. After Abbott will come Joel Jacobs, FSU's breastroker and conqueror of Florida's Phil Drake in the Florida AAU's.

Don Lewis will swim the butterfly leg. Lewis is a former freestyler and will swim in his first butterfly competition in the national meet.

RAY ANCHOR MAN

Ryan Ray will be the anchor man on the relay team. A sophomore, Ray is undefeated this year in the 50 yd. freestyle.

There will be teams from all over the United States entered in the meet. The top teams in the medley relay event, according to breastroker Jacobs, are Yale, Illinois, and Michigan.

All of these teams have done under four minutes in the event. Coach Stults was quoted as saying that, "I would be pleased if the State team did under 4:03 for the relay."

Stults said that only Ray and Abbott have seen national competition. He continued, "In national competition the tensions are terrific and we don't know how the team will do under pressure."