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**Nate Jimerson Wins National Championship:**

Columbia Mo. – St. Cloud State University diver Nate Jimerson (Apple Valley) claimed his first National Championship on Mar. 13, when he paced the field in one-meter diving at the 2008 NCAA Division II swimming and diving championships.

Only a junior, Jimerson is already a two-time NCAA runner-up in one-meter diving and four-time All-American overall. Late last month at the NCC Championships he won his fifth and sixth NCC diving titles, as well as his third straight NCC diver of the year crown.

A two-time runner-up in the event as mentioned, Jimerson entered the finals today seeded second with a prelim score over 40 points lower than the top seed. However, in the finals Jimerson posted one of his best marks of the entire season, taking the lead in the fourth round as he blew by the field and into first place. His winning mark was 520.75, ahead of second place at 508.90. No longer a runner-up, Jimerson can now call himself a NCAA National Champion, and he is the first male swimmer or diver in SCSU history to claim a National title. The first SCSU National Champion this decade, he is the first since former Husky Diver Mary Ahlin completed the sweep on the boards at the 1999 NCAA meet.

On Jimerson's performance Husky head coach Jeff Hegle had to say, "Nate really dove great today, but he's been diving great all year. He entered the finals in second place but he got in a groove and the other divers weren't able to keep up, it's really good for him."

Jimerson's winning performance also helped vault the Husky men's team seven spots in the standings from 21st after day one to 14th after day two of competition. How a five time All-American he will dive again in the final day of competition on Mar. 15 on the three-meter board. Jimerson was fourth at the NCAA meet in the three-meter last season after finishing second in 2006.

Throughout the season, Jimerson claimed 12 wins on the boards and at five meets earned the sweep taking the top spot in both events. His ticket to the national championship meet was stamped after the first meet of the season when he won both diving events and beat the NCAA qualifying standard in each as well. As the season wore on he would be the one-meter standard eight times and the three-meter standard four times. He was also named NCC diver of the week on two occasions.

St. Cloud State University is a member is the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. Founded in 1869, and located in St. Cloud, Minn. along the banks of the scenic Mississippi River, SCSU boasts an enrollment of 16,000 students and is a member of NCAA Division II athletics where they compete in the North Central Conference (NCC).



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