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WOMEN'S GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES DIVISION I WATCH LISTS FOR PLAYER AND FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (May 19, 2022) – The WGCA has announced its watch lists for the 2021-22 Division I PING WGCA Player of the Year and 2021-22 Division I WGCA Freshman of the Year Award Presented by StrackaLine. Both awards will be announced after medal play at the upcoming NCAA Championship.

The PING WGCA Player of the Year is awarded annually to the best player in Division I women's golf. The top 60 players from the Golfstat and Golfweek/Sagarin Rankings are considered. Each player must complete a minimum of 15 rounds during the competitive year, including NCAA Regional Championships.

Division I PING WGCA Player of the Year Watch List

- **Amari Avery,** FR, University of Southern California. Adjusted scoring average of 70.28. She has five top-five finishes, including a win at the NCAA Stanford Regional.
- **Letizia Bagnoli,** SR, Florida Atlantic University. Has an adjusted scoring average of 71.47 with five top-five finishes, including four wins. She was the Conference USA Championship individual champion and finished runner-up at the NCAA Tallahassee Regional.
- **Alexandr Fosterling,** JR, Arizona State University. Averaging 71.10 and has five top-10 finishes, including a win at the PING/ASU Invitational. She tied for fifth place at the NCAA Stillwater Regional.
- **Rachel Kuehn,** JR, Wake Forest University. Has a 70.76 adjusted scoring average. Has seven top-10 finishes, including two wins and a runner-up finish at the NCAA Franklin Regional. She broke the tournament record en route to a victory at the Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge.
- **Ashley Lau,** SR, University of Michigan. Averaging 71.45 with six top-five finishes, including at the NCAA Ann Arbor Regional, and three wins. She was named Big Ten Golfer of the Year.
- **Ingrid Lindblad,** JR, Louisiana State University. Adjusted scoring average of 70.12. She has five wins, including four during the spring season. She was the SEC Championship individual champion and was named SEC Player of the Year.
- **Polly Mack,** SR, University of Alabama. Averaging 70.97 with two wins. She was the individual champion at the NCAA Franklin Regional.
- **Natasha Andrea Oon,** SR, San Jose State University. Has a 70.64 adjusted scoring average with six top-three finishes. She won both the Mountain West individual championship and the NCAA Ann Arbor Regional.
- **Emma Spitz,** JR, UCLA. Adjusted scoring average of 71.44. She has five top-10 finishes, including a win at the Chambers Bay Invitational. She tied for third place at the NCAA Tallahassee Regional.

- **Rose Zhang,** FR, Stanford University. Leads Division I with a 69.36 adjusted scoring average. Has seven top-two finishes, including three wins. Finished runner-up at both the Pac-12 Championship and the NCAA Stanford Regional.

The WGCA Freshman of the Year Award Presented by StrackaLine is awarded annually to the top Freshman in Division I women's golf and is selected by a prestigious collection of women's collegiate golf coaches. Freshmen must have competed in a minimum of 15 competitive rounds to be considered.

Division I WGCA Freshman of the Year Award Presented by StrackaLine Watch List

- **Amari Avery,** FR, University of Southern California. FR, University of Southern California. Scoring average of 70.28. She has five top-five finishes, including a win at the NCAA Stanford Regional.
- **Hannah Darling,** FR, University of South Carolina. Averaging 71.55 and has five top-five finishes, including a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Tallahassee Regional.
- **Carolina Lopez-Chacarra,** FR, Wake Forest University. Adjusted scoring average of 71.66. Has five top-five finishes, including two wins.
- **Julia Lopez Ramirez,** FR, Mississippi State University. Averaging 71.45 with six top-five finishes, including three wins.
- **Caitlyn Macnab,** FR, Texas Christian University. She has a 71.89 adjusted scoring average and has five top-five finishes, including a third-place finish at the Big Ten Championship.
- **Rose Zhang,** FR, Stanford University. Leads Division I with a 69.36 adjusted scoring average. Has seven top-two finishes, including three wins. Finished runner-up at both the Pac-12 Championship and the NCAA Stanford Regional.

About the Women's Golf Coaches Association

The Women's Golf Coaches Association, founded in 1983, is a non-profit organization representing women's collegiate golf coaches. The WGCA was formed to encourage the playing of college golf for women in correlation with a general objective of education and in accordance with the highest tradition of intercollegiate competition. Today, the WGCA represents over 650 coaches throughout the U.S. and is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing both its members and the student-athletes they represent.

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