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**DAN BROOKS NAMED 2018-19 GOLF PRIDE GRIPS WGCA NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR**

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (May 31, 2019) – Dan Brooks, head coach of the Duke University Blue Devils, has been named the 2018-19 Golf Pride Grips WGCA National Coach of the Year for Division I women's collegiate golf as announced this morning on the Golf Channel.



Brooks recently completed his 35<sup>th</sup> season with Duke in 2018-19, leading the program to its seventh NCAA Championship title and the first since the event moved to match play in 2015. The Blue Devils placed second in stroke play and then went on to defeat Stanford (3-2), Arizona (3-2) and Wake Forest (3-2) in match play. His seven national titles are the most by a head women's golf coach, and he is the first men's or women's coach to win both a stroke play and match play national title.

The Blue Devils placed sixth or higher in every tournament they played in, including wins at the Ruth's Chris Tar Heel Invitational and Landfall Tradition. In the former, Duke posted a 17-under-par score of 271 in the first round, which was the second-lowest round in Tar Heel Invite history. The program boasted four WGCA All-Americans, and featured five golfers in the inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur, which was tied for the most from any school.

**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 600 coaches throughout the U.S. and is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing both its members and the student-athletes they represent.