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

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (May 18, 2021) – The WGCA has announced its watch list for the 2020-21 Division I PING WGCA Player of the Year and 2020-21 Division I WGCA Freshman of the Year Presented by StrackaLine. Both awards will be announced after medal play at the upcoming NCAA Championship.

Recognized annually as the top honor in women's collegiate golf, the PING WGCA Player of the Year Award is awarded to the best player in Division I, II, III and NAIA women's golf. The award was first given in 1987 and the names of recipients reads as a who's who of the best of the ladies game including Amanda Blumenherst (3-time), Lorena Ochoa (2-time) and Annika Sorenstam. The recipient is selected by a prestigious collection of women's collegiate golf coaches who follow criteria that has been established to identify the finest player for the past year.

Player of the Year Watch List

- **Karen Fredgaard**, SO, University of Houston. Averaging 70.27 and has placed in the top-five in three tournaments, including a first-place finish at the UCF Challenge.
- **Linn Grant**, SO, Arizona State University. Scoring average of 70.70. She has seven top-five finishes, including four wins and a tie for second place at the NCAA Columbus Regional.
- **Rachel Heck**, FR, Stanford University. Scoring average of 69.67 with seven top-10 finishes. Won five tournaments, including the Pac-12 Championships and the NCAA Stanford Regional.
- **Ingrid Lindblad**, SO, Louisiana State University. Averaging 70.26. Has placed in the top-10 in all nine stroke play events this season, with wins at the Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic and the LSU Tiger Golf Classic.
- **Caley McGinty**, SO, Kent State University. Averaging 71.71 and has five top-10 finishes, including three wins and a tie for second place at the NCAA Columbus Regional.
- **Ana Pelaez**, SR, University of South Carolina. Averaging 70.50 and has five top-10 finishes this spring, including three in the top-five.
- **Pauline Roussin-Bouchard**, SO, University of South Carolina. Has a 70.44 scoring average. She has five top-five finishes, including wins at The Ally, Moon Golf Invitational, Valspar Augusta Invitational and the SEC Championship.
- **Maja Stark**, SO, Oklahoma State University. Scoring average of 70.22 and has five top-three finishes. She won the Heroes Ladies Intercollegiate and the Mountain View Collegiate.
- **Emma Spitz**, SO, UCLA. Has a 71.80 scoring average and six top-five finishes, including a win at the NCAA Louisville Regional.
- **Beatrice Wallin**, JR, Florida State University. Averaging 70.48 and has six top-10 finishes, including wins at the Florida State Mach-Up and Pinetree Collegiate.

The WGCA Freshman of the Year Presented by StrackaLine is awarded annually to the top Freshman in Division I, II, III and NAIA women's golf and is selected by a prestigious collection of women's collegiate golf coaches.

Freshman of the Year Watch List

- **Rachel Heck**, FR, Stanford University. Scoring average of 69.67 with seven top-10 finishes. Won five tournaments, including the Pac-12 Championships and the NCAA Stanford Regional.
- **Nataliya Guseva**, FR, University of Miami. Scoring average of 71.40. Has six top-20 finishes, including four in the top-six.
- **Benedetta Moresco**, FR, University of Alabama. Averaging 71.72 with four top-10 finishes.

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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