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PATTY TAVATANAKIT NAMED WGCA FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

STILLWATER, Oklahoma (May 23, 2018) – Patty Tavatanakit of UCLA has been named the WGCA Freshman of the Year.

The WGCA Freshman of the Year Award is awarded annually to the top Freshman in Division I, II and III women's golf. Freshman must have competed in a minimum of 15 competitive rounds to be considered. This criteria include:

- Adjusted scoring average for the year.
- Place finishes in regular season events, conference tournaments, the NCAA Regional (Division I & II) and the NCAA Championship.
- Head to head comparisons against the top 60 in the Golfstat Rankings.
- Comparison of Common Opponents.
- Strength of Schedule.

Tavatanakit, a native of Bangkok, Thailand, posted a 70.79 stroke average, the third-lowest full-season scoring average in program history. She recorded six top-three finishes in her freshman campaign, including four wins to tie the school record for most victories in a single season. She won both the Pac-12 Championship and the NCAA San Francisco Regional before going on to tie for 19th at the NCAA Championships with a 54-hole score of 291 (+3).

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.

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