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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 16, 2023) – The WGCA has announced its watch lists for the 2022-23 Division I PING WGCA Player of the Year and 2022-23 Division I WGCA Freshman of the Year 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

- **Jenny Bae,** SR, University of Georgia. Has a 70.36 adjusted scoring average and has eight top-five finishes, including wins at the Illini Invitational and the NCAA Athens Regional. She also finished runner-up at the Augusta National Women's Amateur in April.
- **Zoe Antoinette Campos,** SO, UCLA. Adjusted scoring average of 70.69. She has five top-five finishes, including a runner-up finish at the NCAA San Antonio Regional and wins at the Anuenue Spring Break Classic and the Silverado Showdown.
- **Rachel Kuehn,** SR, Wake Forest University. Has a 70.40 adjusted scoring average. Has five top-five finishes, including wins at the Jackson T. Stephens Cup and Valspar Augusta Invitational. She was named the ACC Player of the Year.
- **Julia Lopez-Ramirez,** SO, Mississippi State University. Adjusted scoring average of 70.02. She has nine top-five finishes, including four wins. She captured the SEC Championship individual title and tied for first place at the NCAA Westfield Regional. She was also named SEC Player of the Year.
- **Amanda Sambach,** SO, University of Virginia. Has a 71.08 adjusted scoring average and has six top-10 finishes, with a win at the Annika Intercollegiate as well as a record-setting victory at the ACC Championships. She also shared medalist honors at the NCAA Westfield Regional.
- **Crytsal Wang,** GR, University of Illinois. Adjusted scoring average of 70.98. She has six top-five finishes, including wins at the Clemson Invitational and the Big Ten Championships. She was named Big Ten Golfer of the Year.
- **Rose Zhang,** SO, Stanford University. Leads Division I with a 68.74 adjusted scoring average. She has seven wins, including victories at the Pac-12 Championships and NCAA Pullman Regional. She also won the Augusta National Women's Amateur in April.

The WGCA Freshman of the Year 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 Presented by StrackaLine Watch List**

- **Karisa Chul-Ak-Sorn,** FR, Iowa State University. Adjusted scoring average of 71.04. She has six top-five finishes, including a win at the Mountain View Intercollegiate where she broke the NCAA record for lowest 54-hole score.
- **Mackenzie Lee,** FR, Southern Methodist University. Averaging 71.56 and has eight top-five finishes, including a win at the Hurricane Invitational. She finished in a tie for third place at the NCAA San Antonio Regional.
- **Mirabel Ting,** FR, Augusta University. Leads Division I freshmen with a 70.96 adjusted scoring average. She has six top-10 finishes, including a win in her first collegiate tournament at the Moon Golf Invitational. She was named both the Southland Conference Player and Freshman of the Year.
- **Lottie Woad,** FR, Florida State University. She has a 71.09 adjusted scoring average and has six top-five finishes, including wins at the Ivy Intercollegiate and Florida State Match Up. She was named ACC Freshman of the Year.
- **Jeneath Wong,** FR, Pepperdine University. Averaging 71.76 with four top-10 finishes, including a third-place finish at the Juli Inkster at Meadow Club Invitational.

**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 700 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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