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CALIFORNIA, PACIFIC, SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE AND STANFORD ADVANCE TO SECOND ROUND OF THE NORPAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

DAVIDSON, NC – The 2004 Northern Pacific Field Hockey Conference (NorPac) Tournament saw all four members of the West Division advance to the second round on Thursday, Nov. 4th as the West Division swept their Eastern counterparts at Belk Turf Field in Davidson, NC. The scores for the games in the order of play were: **Game 1:** SMS 2, Saint Louis 1, **Game 2:** California 5, Davidson 1, **Game 3:** Stanford 1, Radford 0 (ot), **Game 4:** Pacific 2, Appalachian State 0.

The first game of the day saw SMS (11-7) control possession for much of the first half and the Bears racked up 11 penalty corners. The Bears, however, were held scoreless in the first half by a strong effort from the Saint Louis (5-12) defense. Tied at 0-0 in the second half, SMS capitalized on their first penalty corner as inserter Andrea Huskey scored on a pass from Amanda Hanson at the 42:15 mark. Just over a minute later the Bears extended their lead to 2-0 as Cami White redirected a shot by Liz Miyashita. Saint Louis, however, almost completed an improbable comeback in the final minute of play as Ellen Rapp scored her eighth goal of the season with 17 seconds remaining in regulation. In the closing seconds of the game the Billikens earned a penalty corner, but an offensive foul on the corner play, gave SMS the 2-1 victory.

California (16-4) got past host Davidson, 5-1 as five different players scored goals for the Golden Bears. Cal broke out on top early in the opening period as NorPac West Player of the Year, Valentina Godfrid converted Cal's first penalty corner at the 8:08 mark, Cal notched three goals on penalty corner plays in the game, helping Cal senior Samantha Gallop earn three assists to lead the Golden Bears in points. Davidson's Eleanor Cowley collected her fifth goal of the season on a scramble in front of the cage to register the Wildcats' (5-12) only goal of the day. The East and West Defensive Players of the Year were in the respective nets for the Wildcats and Golden Bears as Davidson's Sarah Nolan tallied eight save, while Cal's Kelly Knapp recorded three.

The biggest upset of the day came in game three as Stanford (7-11) scored early in the first overtime to beat the top seed from the East, Radford, 1-0. The Cardinal goal came just 1:24 into overtime as Liz Robinson broke free into the Radford defense. Robinson's first shot was deflected by Radford goalkeeper Amy Dietz, but Robinson collected the errant ball and claimed the game with her sixth goal of the year. The two teams were evenly matched on offense as Stanford held a 13-11 advantage over the Highlanders, while Radford finished with an 8-7 edge in corners.

In the final game of round one, Pacific got past Appalachian State as sophomore Vianney Campos scored her eleventh and twelfth goals of the season. Pacific outshot the Mountaineers 18-4 and held a 7-3 advantage in penalty corners.

In the second round of action, on Friday, Nov. 5th the semifinal matchups will see Cal face SMS at 1:30 p.m., while Pacific and Stanford play at 4 p.m. In the consolation bracket, Saint Louis will face Davidson at 11 a.m., while Radford meets Appalachian State at 6:30 p.m. in the consolation games. All game times are Eastern Standard Time.