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CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC MOVE ON TO NORPAC CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

DAVIDSON, NC – The California Golden Bears and the Pacific Tigers both advanced to the Championship of the 2004 Northern Pacific Field Hockey Conference (NorPac) Tournament on Friday, Nov. 5th. The scores for the second round of play at the NorPac Championship, hosted by Davidson College at Belk Field, follow: **Game 5:** Davidson 2, Saint Louis 0, **Game 6 (Semi-Final #1):** California 3, SMS 2, **Game 7 (Semi-Final #2):** Pacific 2, Stanford 1 (2ot), **Game 8:** Appalachian State 2, Radford 1 (ot).

California (17-4) claimed the first berth in the championship game as the Golden Bears defeated SMS (11-8), 3-2. Cal jumped out in front early in the contest as junior Chilly Banuelos converted the Golden Bears first penalty corner opportunity at the 1:28 mark. Cal inserter, senior Samantha Gallop fired the ball to stopper junior Jenna Long, who then pushed the ball to Banuelos. Cal extended the lead to 2-0 in the 28th minute of play as Banuelos connected on her second goal off a corner play.

SMS, however, got back in the game with 1:30 remaining in the first half as senior Gabby Gomez earned a penalty shot. Junior Liz Miyashita converted the penalty shot to make it 2-1 at the half.

The Golden Bears pushed their lead back to two goals with 26:19 remaining in the game as Gallop scored an unassisted goal. Gallop collected the rebound of a saved shot then fired it into the back of the net. SMS pulled within one goal again five minutes later as Andrea Huskey notched her fifth goal of the season on a pass from Gomez. SMS controlled possession for the remainder of the game, but were unable to punch in the game-tying goal.

In the second semifinal contest, Pacific got by a tenacious Stanford team, 2-1, in double overtime. Stanford (7-12) jumped out to a 1-0 lead midway through the first period as freshman Jessica Zutz followed up a shot and save by Stanford sophomore Aska Sturdevan and Pacific goalkeeper, sophomore Kim Myers. The Cardinal held that lead through halftime and into the final six minutes of the game as the Cardinal held a 12-5 shot advantage over Pacific at the time.

The Tigers, however, got back into the game with 5:46 remaining in regulation as junior Laura Maurer recorded her fourth goal of the season on the second shot of a corner penalty. With new life the Tigers came alive in the final five minutes of regulation and in the first overtime as Pacific outshot Stanford 8-4 over that stretch. Pacific's momentum carried into the second overtime as the Tigers held a 4-0 edge in shots in the second extra period. The game clinching goal came with 11:01 remaining as sophomore Jen Chaney took a pass from Maurer and slipped it by Stanford goalkeeper, junior Ana Kralovec.

In the consolation games, tournament host Davidson (6-12) defeated Saint Louis (5-13), 2-0 as freshman Eleanor Cowley and Kayli Maxwell combined for the first goal, the goal was Cowley's sixth of the season. The Wildcats second goal came from junior Molly Blackman as she scored her third goal on the fourth shot in a flurry of activity in front of the net.

Appalachian State (6-13) won the final game of the day as the Mountaineers defeated Radford 2-1 in overtime. Radford (9-11) got on the board first as sophomore Allison Lussier scored on a pass from senior Angela Feindt with just under four minutes remaining in the first half. The Mountaineers tied the game with 6:35 remaining in regulation as senior Liz Sharpe scored from the right post on a pass from sophomore Andrea Lee. Sharpe and Lee also connected in the overtime to give Appalachian State its sixth win of the year.

In the championship round of play, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, the final will pit the top seed from the West, California, against the West's second seed, Pacific. The game will begin at 12:30 p.m. In the third place game, SMS will face Stanford at 10 a.m. All game times are Eastern Standard Time.