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Field Hockey

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Godfrid, Hussey, Bird and Onstead Earn Top NorPac Honors

BERKELEY, Calif. – California's junior forward Valentina Godfrid was named the 2005 NorPac Player of the Year announced at the Conference's annual tournament banquet. Godfrid, who was also named the Offensive Player of the Year, was joined by her teammate senior back Jessica Bird, the Defensive Player of the Year. Stanford freshman forward Caroline Hussey earned Rookie of the Year honors, while Cal's Shellie Onstead was named Coach of the Year.

Godfrid is having a tremendous year for the Bears. The junior from Rosario, Argentina leads the NorPac and is ranked second in the nation in goals (25), goals per game and points (61) and points per game, while being ranked second in the Conference with 11 assists. She has started every game this season and has been named Offensive Player of the Week four times, while recording five hat tricks and seven multiple goal games this season.

Bird, having a stellar season in the back for the Bears, has been a key in handling the opponent's right side attack and counter attack. She is part of a defense that posted three shutouts and held opponents to less than a goal in six Conference games this year. She also adds attacking skills, posting three goals and an assist this season.

Hussey was a key contributor in Stanford obtaining the third seed in the Conference Tournament. She led her team and all rookies with nine goals and 19 points, posting her first collegiate hat trick vs. Bucknell. She ranks third in the Conference in goals and is tied for fourth in points. She was named Rookie of the Week three times.

Onstead led California to a 10-7 record and 5-1 Conference record. The Bears tied for the regular season championship, which extended their streak to seven straight years at the top of the Conference.

Also announced this evening was the All-Conference first and second teams. Joining Godfrid, Bird and Hussey on the first team were Cal's Chilly Banuelos, Teela Crosthwaite and Alana Smith, Davidson's Molly Blackman, Pacific's Vianney Campos, Appalachian State's Kate Ryno and Stanford's Aska Sturdevan and Missy Halliday.

The second team consisted of Appalachian State's Erica Muschamp, Cal's Jenna Long, Davidson's Emily Davis and Kayli Maxwell, Longwood's Alexis Ramey and Sarah Hitchings, Pacific's Michelle Manson and Jen Chaney, Radford's Natalie Bowen and Amy Dietz and Stanford's Jess Zutz.