

NORPAC FIELD HOCKEY CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES THE ADDITION OF LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY

STOCKTON, Calif. The Longwood University field hockey program has been accepted into membership of the NCAA Division I Northern Pacific Field Hockey Conference (NorPac), effective July 1, 2005. NorPac is a single-sport field hockey conference that includes the following institutions: Appalachian State University, Davidson College, Radford University, Stanford University, University of California, and University of the Pacific.

Longwood will be scheduled to play each NorPac member this fall, and the contests will count in league standings. The Lancers' student-athletes will immediately be eligible for NorPac in-season and post-season awards, but the Longwood program will not be eligible to compete in the NorPac Tournament or the NCAA Division I Championships until 2007.

"Longwood University is an excellent academic and competitive fit for the NorPac Conference and we are very pleased to add them to our membership," said NorPac Commissioner Carla Konet. "Longwood has immediate plans to construct a new artificial turf field, which enables the field hockey program to take a giant step forward. The new facilities and Longwoods affiliation with the NorPac Conference will help bring national exposure and long-term success to their program at the Division I level."