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NorPac Conference Names its 2001 All-Conference Squad

Boone, N.C. – NorPac commissioner Carla Konet announced the selections for the league's All-Conference team at the 2001 NorPac Championship banquet.

First Team: **Tessa Brookes** (Radford, Senior, Sweeper), **Stephanie Dixon** (Southwest Missouri State, Senior, Midfielder), **Nora Feddersen** (California, Sophomore, Midfielder), **Elizabeth Harkins** (California, Senior, Forward), **Kristie Lau** (Southwest Missouri State, Senior, Back), **Heather Mattingly** (Saint Louis, Senior, Midfielder), **Rebecca Shapiro** (Stanford, Senior, Goalkeeper), **Erica Swesey** (Stanford, Senior, Forward), **Malia Swieconeck** (Appalachian State, Senior, Goalkeeper), **Leanne Tarr** (Pacific, Senior, Back), and **Emily Walls** (Appalachian State, Junior, Forward).

Second Team: **Agnes Batemen** (Davidson, Junior, Forward), **Keri Brunner** (Saint Louis, Senior, Forward), **Kathleen Fenn** (Davidson, Sophomore, Back), **Bethany Henrick** (Southwest Missouri State, Junior, Midfielder), **Sara Herman** (Stanford, Senior, Back), **Brooke Peterson** (Radford, Senior, Goalkeeper), **Erin Robinson** (California, Senior, Sweeper), **Abbey Rolfe** (Southwest Missouri State, Sophomore, Forward), **Christina Settle** (Appalachian State, Senior, Midfielder), **Melissa Stai** (Stanford, Senior, Sweeper), and **Giovanna Tripiano** (Pacific, Senior, Midfielder).

Offensive Player of the Year: Cal's senior **Elizabeth Harkins** (Saratoga, Calif.) led the conference with 21 points on eight goals and five assists. Her eight goals was second most in NorPac play this season. Her goals, assists and points were the most among all West Division schools. She is a complete player who can break any game open. She was named to both the NorPac All-Conference and NorPac All-Tournament squads in 2000.

Defensive Player of the Year: Senior **Kristie Lau** (Delta, British Columbia) of Southwest Missouri State was the backbone of the the top defensive unit in the East division which allowed just 1.27 goals per game. She plays either flyer or cover on defensive corners. She was named to both the NorPac All-Conference and NorPac All-Tournament squads in 2000.

Rookie of the Year: SMS's freshman **Gabby Gomez** (Montreal, Quebec) has been tabbed as the NorPac Rookie of the Year for the 2001 season. A speedy forward with quick moves and great stick work, Gomez was among the NorPac leaders in both goals and points per game and was also named Rookie of the Week on September 26.

Player of the Year: SMS's senior **Stephanie Dixon** (Beaconsfield, Quebec), who was the "quarterback" of the team, was chosen as the league's Player of the Year by a vote of the coaches. Dixon was one of the main reasons the Bears finished 6-0 in East Division and earned the No. 1 seed in the NorPac Championship. She served as the team captain, was a corner hitter and played post on defensive corners (seven defensive saves). Stephanie was among the league leaders in points, finishing the regular season with 13 points.

Coach of the Year: No. 17 California's Shellie Onstead, coach of the No. 17 California Golden Bears, was chosen by her fellow coaches as she led the Golden Bears to a 10-4 regular season record and a No. 1 seed in the West Division. In her seventh season as the helm, she currently is one of the few females on the national men's coaching staff and was the first women ever to be named head coach of a men's national team at any age level.

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