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**Field Hockey**

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**UC Davis Joins NorPac Field Hockey Conference**

**RADFORD, Va.** – Commissioner Carla Konet is pleased to announce the addition of UC Davis as the newest member of the NorPac Field Hockey Conference. This was made possible when UC Davis’ athletic department elevated the club field hockey program to varsity status as announced by Director of Athletics Greg Warzecka on Friday.

The Aggies will be eligible to compete in a full conference schedule, including the NorPac Tournament, starting in 2009-10.

“All of our members are excited about the addition of UC Davis to the NorPac Conference,” stated Konet. “We applaud their vision and will support their efforts as they move forward into Division I competition. Adding field hockey as an intercollegiate women’s sport will make a huge impact not only on our conference, but hopefully will serve as a catalyst for expansion of Division I field hockey nationally.”

With the addition of UC Davis, the NorPac Conference will reestablish Eastern and Western divisional play in 2009. The Aggies will join Stanford, California and Pacific to make up the West Division. Appalachian State, Davidson, Longwood and Radford will form the East Division.

“It really helps facilitate a regional conference schedule that accommodates our geographic uniqueness,” Konet commenting on the reestablishment of divisional play.

The NorPac is a NCAA single-sport field hockey conference that began conference championship play in 1998 and has had a member compete in the 16-team NCAA Division tournament in eight of the last nine seasons.

For more information about UC Davis please check out its website at <http://ucdavisaggies.cstv.com>.