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**GOLF WORLD ANNOUNCES FIRST WOMEN'S COLLEGE COACHES' POLL OF 2007;
NEW POLL WILL BE KNOWN AS THE GOLF WORLD/NGCA COACHES' POLL**

Methodist Unanimous No.1 Pick

NEW YORK, NY—The very first *Golf World*/NGCA Division III Coaches' Poll has been released, combining the resources of *Golf World* magazine and the National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA). The poll is based on the selections of nine women's coaches from across the country. The complete results, including results from Divisions I and II, will appear in the March 9 issue of *Golf World* and can be viewed online now at www.golfworld.com/womenspoll.

Methodist is No.1 in the poll, earning all nine first-place votes. The Monarchs have won nine straight NCAA titles and fifteen of the last sixteen national championships. The team plays its spring opener this week at the NIU/Spring Lake Women's Intercollegiate, and is led by senior Charlotte Williams, the two-time defending NCAA individual winner.

Rounding out the top five are: Gustavus Adolphus (No.2); DePauw (No.3); Saint Thomas (No.4); Wisconsin-Eau Claire (No.5).

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**GOLF WORLD/NGCA COACHES' POLL
Women's Division III**

| <u>RANK</u> | <u>TEAM</u> | <u>POINTS</u> | <u>LAST</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Methodist (9) | 225 | 1 |
| 2. | Gustavus Adolphus | 212 | 2 |
| 3. | DePauw | 210 | 3 |
| 4. | Saint Thomas | 183 | 5 |
| 5. | Wisconsin-Eau Claire | 182 | 4 |
| 6. | Wartburg | 172 | 6 |
| 7. | Middlebury | 170 | NR |
| 8. | Illinois Wesleyan | 151 | 7 |
| 9. | Wisconsin-Stevens Point | 150 | 8 |
| 10. | Oglethorpe | 139 | 11 |
| 11. | Southwestern | 136 | 10 |
| 12. | Wisconsin-Oshkosh | 125 | 9 |
| 13. | Otterbein | 118 | 12 |
| 14. | Simpson | 100 | 13 |
| 15. | Buena Vista | 80 | 17 |

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| 16. | Illinois College | 79 | 14 |
| 17. | Hardin-Simmons | 74 | 15 |
| 18. | Central | 70 | 19 |
| 19. | Olivet | 47 | 18 |
| 20. | Loras | 46 | 20 |
| 21. | Luther | 44 | 24 |
| 22. | Allegheny | 39 | 22 |
| | Wisconsin-Whitewater | 39 | 16 |
| 24. | Mary Hardin-Baylor | 36 | 21 |
| 25. | Williams | 33 | 23 |

Others receiving votes: Baldwin-Wallace, 15; Texas Lutheran, 13; Tri-State, 11; Santa Cruz, 10; Washington & Jefferson, 6; Wellesley, 6; Carleton, 3; Manchester, 1.

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