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***GOLF WORLD* ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF FIRST
WOMEN'S COLLEGE COACHES' POLL OF THE FALL SEASON**

Methodist Retains Top Spot in D-III Poll

NEW YORK, NY—The first *Golf World*/NGCA Division III Coaches' Poll of the fall season has been released, combining the resources of *Golf World* magazine and the National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA). The complete results, including results from Divisions I and II, will appear in the October 5 issue of *Golf World* and can be viewed online now at www.golfworld.com.

Methodist remained the number one team in the poll, earning all 15 first-place votes. The Monarchs won the O'Brien National Invitational and the Piedmont Fall Invitational to open the 2009-10 season.

Gustavus Adolphus and Wisconsin-Eau Claire moved up to the Nos. 2 and 3 spots, respectively, after being ranked Nos. 3 and 5 in the preseason poll. St. Mary's College in Indiana jumped from No. 13 to No. 4, and DePauw moved from No. 9 to No. 5.

Washington University in St. Louis made the biggest jump, going from unranked to No. 9. The Bears have two victories this fall and three other top-five performances.

Olivet (No. 10) also cracked the top-10, after being ranked No. 11 in the preseason poll. St. Benedict (No. 18), Carleton (No. 19), Mary Hardin-Baylor (No. 23) and Wheaton (Ill.) (No. 25) moved into the top-25.

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

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Last</u>
1.	Methodist (15)	375	1
2.	Gustavus Adolphus	341	3
3.	Wisconsin-Eau Claire	332	5
4.	St. Mary's (Ind.)	298	13
5.	DePauw	287	9
6.	Illinois Wesleyan	281	8

7.	Southwestern	259	4
8.	Allegheny	254	7
9.	Washington U. (St. Louis)	203	NR
10.	Olivet	201	11
11.	Amherst	189	12
12.	Otterbein	185	6
13.	St. Lawrence	177	14
14.	Wartburg	155	19
15.	Wisconsin-Stevens Point	146	2
16.	Williams	133	16
17.	Middlebury	112	10
18.	St. Benedict	84	NR
19.	Carleton	78	NR
20.	Centre	77	18
	Hope	77	T-23
22.	St. Thomas	75	15
23.	Mary Hardin-Baylor	69	NR
24.	Wisconsin-Whitewater	64	20
25.	Wheaton (Ill.)	55	NR

Also receiving votes: Mount Holyoke, 51; Maryville, 45; UC-Santa Cruz, 45; Rhodes, 43; St. Olaf, 42; Vassar, 30; Simpson, 23; Birmingham Southern, 20; Franklin, 12; McMurry, 12; George Fox, 11; Transylvania, 7; Ohio Northern, 6; SUNY Cortland, 5; Wisconsin-Stout, 5; Puget Sound, 4; Franklin & Marshall, 3; Piedmont, 2; Pacific Lutheran, 1; Wittenberg, 1.

First-place votes in parenthesis

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