

Women's soccer team vies for national title

North Carolina's unbeaten and top-ranked women's soccer team has earned the top seed in the first AIAW National Tournament, which starts today and will last through Sunday.

Carolina, 20-0, will be joined in the tournament by 11 other teams representing the AIAW's nine regions, including a trio of fellow undefeated squads—Missouri-St. Louis (15-0), Oregon (12-0-2) and Texas A&M (11-0). Overall, the 12 teams boast a combined record of 162-25-8, which could make this weekend's tournament a very exciting event.

First-round action begins today with the top four seeds in the tournament receiving byes that day. Fifth-seeded Connecticut (14-2-1) meets 12th-seeded California (16-8) at 12 noon in Kenan Stadium; sixth-seeded Colorado College (17-3-2) meets 11th-seeded Central Florida (8-2) at 3 p.m. in Kenan; seventh-seeded Cincinnati (10-2) meets 10th seeded Texas A&M (11-0) at 12 noon at Fetzer Field; and eight-seeded Massachusetts (11-4-2) meets ninth-seeded Wisconsin (15-4-1) at 3 p.m. at Fetzer.

Friday, the winners of the first-round games will move on to quarterfinal action with the losers moving into the consolation bracket. The winner of the U-Mass-Wisconsin game will meet top-seeded North Carolina at 3 p.m. in Kenan. The winner of the Cincy-A&M game will meet second-seeded Missouri-St. Louis (15-0) at 12 noon in Kenan. Finally, the winner of the Conn-Cal game will meet second-seeded Oregon (12-0-2) at 3 p.m. at Fetzer.

The semifinal games are slated for Kenan at 12 noon and 2 p.m. Saturday with the third place and championship games in Kenan at the same time Sunday.

The Knights of Central Florida, coached by Jim Rudy, took its only two defeats of the season from North Carolina. Overall, UCF has had an excellent scoring record, garnering a 99-10 total score margin in ten games. In six games, the Knights scored in double figures, including a 20-goal barrage against Miami of Fla. Leading scorers for Rudy's team include Pam Baughman (16 goals, 11 assists, 43 points), and double-figure goals scorers Nancy Lay (18), Donna Laboranti (15) and Nancy Buopane (11). Amy Ford and Lucy Perez have split time equally in goal for UCF.

Cincinnati's Lady Bearcats come to Chapel Hill this weekend bearing the championship of Region V, which includes the states of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia and Michigan. Coach Janet Line's team outscored its opponents 50-10 and recorded six shutouts this season. Leading scorer for the Lady Bearcats is Vicki Niemann with 17 goals. In a regular season game against second-seeded Missouri-St. Louis, the Lady Bearcats lost 2-1.

The Colorado College Tigers, coached by Stephen Paul, survived a rugged Region VII tournament with schools from Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico to make it to the national championship. CC edged Northern Colorado 4-3 in the semifinals and defeated Colorado State 3-1 in overtime in the championship game. Tri-champion of the Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Soccer league, Colorado College is led in scoring by Kathy Ludwig (22 goals, 11 assists, 55 points) and Rachel Young (14 goals, 13 assists, 55 points). Jan Jaramillo also has 12 goals for CC and Robyn Waltz has recorded a 1.04 against average in the net. The Tigers dropped a 4-0 decision to 10th seeded Texas A&M at College Station earlier this year.

At Connecticut, the Huskies of Coach Len Tsantiris finished second in the Region I (New England and Middle Atlantic states) tournament, losing a 2-1 overtime decision to Harvard. But since Region I was guaranteed two bids, the Huskies earned an automatic berth in the national field. Moira Buckley is the Huskie's offensive sparkplug with 16 goals and 7 assists for 39 points.

The Texas A&M Aggies represent Region VI in this weekend's tournament. They come to Chapel Hill with an 11-0 record. During the regular season, they defeated Colorado College, another contender in the tournament.

The Wisconsin Badgers fell to Cincinnati in the Region V final, but earned an at-large berth because of its 15 wins and high scoring games. Coach Craig Webb's team is paced by Karen Lunda with 24 goals and 21 assists for 69 points.

Tickets to the tournament are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for students. A day pass costs \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. All tickets must be purchased at the gate.



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