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WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING RECAP

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*Arizona passes Cardinal on final day despite wins from Elaine Breeden (200 fly), Caroline Bruce (200 breast) and Julia Smit (200 back)

Stanford Finishes Second At 2007 Pac-10 Championships

Long Beach, Calif. – Stanford finished second at the 2007 Pac-10 Women's Swimming Championships despite winning three of the five individual events during the final session of the four-day meet on Saturday evening at the Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool. Arizona used its team depth to erase the slim 24-point lead the Cardinal held going into the session. Arizona finished the meet with 1481.5 points, while Stanford was second with 1410. Elaine Breeden (200 fly, 1:52.99), Caroline Bruce (200 breast, 2:09.32) and Julia Smit (200 back, 1:54.88) were Stanford's winners on Saturday with Breeden breaking Shelly Ripple's school record in the 200 fly and Smit being named the Swimmer of the Meet after capturing her third individual title.

"This has been the most exciting meet I've ever competed in," Smit said. "The atmosphere was unreal. I'm really looking forward to NCAA's."

"I couldn't be more proud of our team," added Stanford head coach Lea Maurer. "They had great energy, class and camaraderie during this meet. Everyone in the Stanford women's swimming family really supported each other. We made a lot of NCAA cuts, had some great performances and really gave an excellent Arizona team that has a great shot at a national championship a run for the money."

"Elaine Breeden's school record 200 fly swim was really amazing tonight," Maurer continued. "What she and Julia Smit are doing by putting themselves side-by-side in our record books with American swimming icons is a huge accomplishment. Not only are they already doing that, but they are also looking forward to doing even more at the NCAA Championships. They know what they've done to this point is huge, but they also know there are a lot of people in country swimming similarly fast times, and they are just trying to get better for the NCAA's."

Other championship finalists for the Cardinal on Saturday included Brooke Bishop (100 free, 3rd, 48.94, NCAA 'A'), Andrea Axtell (200 back, 6th, 1:58.48, 1:58.45 prelims), Fiona O'Donnell-McCarthy (100 free, 7th, 49.90, 49.52 prelims) and Laura Wadden (200 back, 8th, 2:00.05, 1:58.80 prelims).

Stanford's 400 free relay squad of Smit, Bishop, Madeline Rovira and Breeden checked in with a NCAA 'A' time of 3:17.70 to finish third. Smit's leadoff 100 free leg of 49.35 also met the NCAA 'A' standard.

UCLA's Katie Nelson won the 1650 free in 16:09.08 while California's Emily Silver captured the 100 free (48.16), both in NCAA 'A' times.

The point totals from the platform diving event held on February 11 were also added to the team totals on Saturday. UCLA's Tess Schofield won the event with 280.95 points while two Stanford divers finished third and fourth in Shana Karp (259.30) and Katie Lampe (242.85).

California won the meet-ending 400 free relay when a team of Erin Reilly, Silver, Jessica Hardy and Dana Vollmer broke the Pac-10 meet record in 3:13.60.

California was a close third in the meet with 1355 points, followed by UCLA (1024.5), USC (826), Arizona State (544), Oregon State (471), Washington (411) and Washington State (378).

Stanford's divers return to the boards for the NCAA Zone E Championships to be held March 1-3 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The divers will be attempting to qualify to join the swimmers at the NCAA Championships slated for March 8-10 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. A list of qualifying swimmers and the NCAA meet psych sheet is expected to be released sometime after February 27 when the final entry submissions are due for the event.

FINAL TEAM SCORES (THRU DAY 4 OF 4/EVENTS 21 OF 21)

1. Arizona 1481.5, 2. Stanford 1410, 3. California 1355, 4. UCLA 1024.5, 5. USC 826, 6. Arizona State 544, 7. Oregon State 471, 8. Washington 411, 9. Washington State 378

COMPLETE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS (DAY 4 OF 4/EVENTS 15-19 AND 21 OF 21)

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COMPLETE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS (ENTIRE MEET/DAYS 1-4 OF 4/EVENTS 1-21 OF 21)

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WINNER AND ALL STANFORD PARTICIPANTS ONLY (DAY 4 OF 4/EVENTS 15-19 AND 20 OF 21)

Pl Name/School Time

Event 15 – 1650 Yard Freestyle

1 Katie Nelson (UCLA) 16:09.08 A
7 Elizabeth Durot 16:32.76 B
11 Desiree Stahley 16:37.76 B
12 Lauren Costella 16:41.77 B
13 Morgan Hentzen 16:44.15 B

Event 16 – 200 Yard Backstroke

1 Julia Smit (Stanford) 1:54.88 A (1:57.01 prelims)
6 Andrea Axtell 1:58.48 B (1:58.45 prelims B)
8 Laura Wadden 2:00.05 B (1:58.80 prelims B)
21 Meredith Ayres 2:02.11 (2:02.43 prelims)
22 Michelle Liu 2:03.40 (2:02.71 prelims)
24 Caroline Rodriguez 2:06.30 (2:02.01 prelims)
27 Fiona Gispén 2:03.48 prelims
30 Stefanie Sutton 2:04.73 prelims
X Cydney Siggins 2:07.33 prelims

Event 17 – 100 Yard Freestyle

1 Emily Silver (California) 48.16 A (48.80 prelims)
3 Brooke Bishop 48.94 A (49.43 prelims)
7 Fiona O'Donnell-McCarthy 49.90 B (49.52 prelims)
12 Madeline Rovira 50.20 B (50.25 prelims)
21 Kelley Hug 51.14 (51.56 prelims)
24 Alexa Merz 51.51 (51.46 prelims)
X Caitlin Reynolds 52.32 prelims

Event 18 – 200 Yard Breaststroke

1 Caroline Bruce (Stanford) 2:09.32 A (2:12.03 prelims)
14 Danielle Gonzales 2:17.57 B (2:17.90 prelims)

Event 19 – 200 Yard Butterfly

1 Elaine Breeden (Stanford) 1:52.99 A, S (1:55.58 prelims)
12 Laura Wadden 2:01.63 B (2:00.47 prelims B)
13 Whitney Spence 2:01.91 B (2:01.07 prelims B)
22 Nilasha Ghosh 2:02.96 (2:03.60 prelims)

Event 21 – 400 Yard Free Relay

1 California 'A' (Erin Reilly 48.51 A, Emily Silver 48.30, Jessica Hardy 48.44, Dana Vollmer 47.35) 3:13.60 A, PM
3 Stanford 'A' (Julia Smit 49.35 A, Brooke Bishop 49.00, Madeline Rovira 50.12, Elaine Breeden 49.23) 3:17.70 A
X Stanford 'B' (Nilasha Ghosh 50.88 B, Fiona O'Donnell-McCarthy 49.97, Kelley Hug 50.38, Desiree Stahley 49.88) 3:21.11 B

P=Pac-10 Record

PM=Pac-10 Meet Record

S=Stanford Record

A=NCAA 'A' Standard

B=NCAA 'B' Standard