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ACC Announces 2007 All-Conference Field Hockey Team Maryland and North Carolina each place four on league's all-star team.

GREENSBORO, N.C. – After spending virtually the entire season occupying the nation's top two spots in the rankings, North Carolina and Maryland have placed four athletes each on the 2007 All-ACC field hockey team, announced today by the ACC.

Joining the Terps and Tar Heels on the team are three players from each Duke and Wake Forest, two from Boston College and one from Virginia. Highlighting this year's squad are a record three goaltenders in BC's Julia Berkowitz, Maryland's Kathryn Masson and Duke's Caitlin Williams.

Maryland's Katie O'Donnell, a freshman from Blue Bell, Pa., was voted the league's Offensive Player of the Year for her outstanding play throughout the year. In leading her team to 16 straight wins to start the season, the first-year attacker averaged nearly one goal and one assist per game. She won league player of the week honors three times and was named national player of the week once and national rookie of the week four times by womensfieldhockey.com.

The Tar Heels' Rachel Dawson, a senior who returned to North Carolina this year after taking last year off to play for the US National Team, ran away with this year's ACC Defensive Player of the Year award, garnering 35 of a possible 36 points from the voters. For the year, the defender from Berlin, N.J., averaged 2.12 points and 0.94 goals per game while also leading a North Carolina defense that led the nation with a 0.53 goals against average.

Winning the ACC Coach of the Year award this year is long time North Carolina head coach Karen Shelton. In her 25th year as the leader at North Carolina, Shelton had one of her best seasons to date, directing a team that went 18-0 during the regular season, including 12 wins over ranked teams, and ended the season as the nation's top-rated team. This year's award marks the eighth time in her career that Shelton has been voted the league's top coach.

2007 All-ACC Field Hockey Team

Julia Berkowitz	Boston College
Illse Davids	North Carolina
Aileen Davis	Wake Forest
Rachel Dawson	North Carolina
Marian Dickinson	Duke
Bob Dirks	Boston College
Katelyn Falgowski	North Carolina
Jesse Gey,	North Carolina
Minou Gimbre	Wake Forest
Inge Kaars Sijpesteijn	Virginia
Michelle Kasold	Wake Forest
Kathryn Masson	Maryland
Katie O'Donnell	Maryland
Susie Rowe	Maryland
Laura Suchoski	Duke
Janneke van Leeuwen	Maryland
Caitlin Williams	Duke

Offensive Player of the Year Katie O'Donnell, Maryland

Defensive Player of the Year Rachel Dawson, North Carolina

Coach of the Year Karen Shelton, North Carolina

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