

2006 MARYLAND FIELD HOCKEY

2005 NCAA & ACC Champion
2006 ACC Regular Season Co-Champion

SCHEDULES/RESULTS (19-2, 4-1 ACC)

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|-------|------|--|--------|
| Sat. | A26 | vs. Pacific (at Stanford, Calif.) (RV) | W, 6-0 |
| Sun. | A27 | at Stanford (RV) | W, 4-1 |
| Tues. | A29 | at California (RV) | W, 5-0 |
| Mon. | S4 | OLD DOMINION (4) | W, 1-0 |

TERRAPIN INVITATIONAL

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| Sat. | S9 | TEMPLE | W, 2-1 |
| Sun. | S10 | NORTHWESTERN (RV) | W, 7-2 |

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| Wed. | S13 | DELAWARE | W, 3-0 |
| Sat. | S16 | BOSTON COLLEGE* (8) | W, 5-0 |
| Sun. | S17 | JAMES MADISON (13) | W, 4-2 |
| Sat. | S23 | at Wake Forest* (2) | W, 3-2 |
| Fri. | S29 | at Virginia* (8) | W, 5-1 |
| Sun. | O1 | vs. Michigan (at State College, Pa.) (20)W, 2-1 OT | |
| Sat. | O7 | DUKE* (5) | L, 0-2 |
| Tue. | O10 | at Princeton (RV) | W, 4-1 |
| Sat. | O14 | at Old Dominion (3) | W, 1-0 |
| Sun. | O15 | ALBANY (RV) | W, 5-1 |
| Wed. | O18 | AMERICAN (19) | W, 5-1 |
| Sun. | O22 | NORTH CAROLINA* (7) | W, 1-0 |
| Fri. | O27 | APPALACHIAN STATE | W, 5-0 |

ACC Championship Tournament, Chapel Hill, N.C.

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| Fri. | N3 | vs. Virginia (10) | W, 5-2 |
| Sun. | N5 | vs. Wake Forest (2) | L, 0-1 |

NCAA Tournament

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|------|-----|---|---------|
| Sat. | N11 | RICHMOND (16) | 11 a.m. |
| | | Penn State (8) vs. North Carolina (8) | 2 p.m. |
| Sun. | N12 | Second round | 2 p.m. |
| Fri. | N17 | NCAA Tournament Semifinals, Winston-Salem, N.C. | |
| Sun. | N19 | NCAA Tournament Championship, Winston-Salem, N.C. | |

* ACC game; Home games in ALL CAPS

QUICK FACTS

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| Location: | College Park, Md. |
| Founded/Enrollment: | 1807/35,369 |
| President: | Dr. C.D. Mote, Jr. (California '59) |
| Athletic Director: | Deborah A. Yow (Elon '74) |
| Nickname: | Terrapins, Terps |
| Colors: | Red, White, Black, Gold |
| Home Field (Capacity): | Field Hockey & Lacrosse Complex (1,400) |
| Conference: | Atlantic Coast |
| Head Coach: | Missy Meharg (Delaware '85) |
| Meharg's Career/School Record: | 323-95-9, 19 years |
| Assistant Coach: | Tjerk van Herwaarden (HES '97) |
| Assistant Coach: | Marybeth Freeman (Old Dominion '03) |
| Volunteer Assistant Coach: | Emily Beach (Maryland '06) |
| Student Assistant Coach: | Lauren Powley |
| 2005 Overall/ACC Rec. (Place): | 23-2/4-1 (T2nd)/ACC Tourn. Champs |
| 2005 Final NFCA Ranking: | 1st |
| Postseason: | NCAA Champions |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost: | 13/6 |
| Starters Returning/Lost: | 6/5 Newcomers: 9 |

OPPONENT FACTS

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| NORTH CAROLINA | www.tarheelblue.com |
| 2006 Record/Conf. Record (Place): | 13-8/2-3 (4th) |
| Head Coach: | Karen Shelton (West Chester '79), 26th year at UNC |
| Field Hockey SID/Email: | Dana Gelin/dgeln@uncaa.unc.edu |
| SID Phone/Fax: | (919) 962-0083/962-0612 |

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| PENN STATE | www.gopsusports.com |
| 2006 Record/Conf. Record (Place): | 15-5/4-2 (T3rd) |
| Head Coach: | Char Morett (Penn State '79), 20th year at PSU |
| Field Hockey SID/Email: | Matt Beltz/mxb71@psu.edu |
| SID Phone/Fax: | (814) 865-1757/863-3165 |

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| RICHMOND | www.richmondspiders.com |
| 2006 Record/Conf. Record (Place): | 17-4/7-0 (1st) |
| Head Coach: | Ange Bradley (Delaware '88), 6th year at RU |
| Field Hockey SID/Email: | Scott Meyer/smeyer@richmond.edu |
| SID Phone/Fax: | (804) 287-6313/289-8820 |

NCAA TOURNAMENT

First & Second Rounds

Field Hockey & Lacrosse Complex, College Park, Md.
Nov. 11-12, 2006

Saturday, Nov. 11 • First Round

GAME 1: #2 Maryland (19-2) vs. #16 Richmond (17-4), 11 a.m.
GAME 2: #6 Penn State (15-5) vs. #8 North Carolina (13-8), 2 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12 • Second Round

Game 1 vs. Game 2 winners, 2 p.m.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HUNT BEGINS IN COLLEGE PARK:

The reigning NCAA Champion Maryland field hockey team begins its title quest at home when it hosts No. 16 Richmond, No. 6 Penn State and No. 8 North Carolina in the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 11 and 12. Maryland earned one of the top four seeds in the tournament and was tabbed the second seed.

The Terps play Richmond in the first round for the second-straight year, followed by the Nittany Lions and Tar Heels. The winners of both games move on to the second round on Sunday.

The second-round winners at all four sites travel to Kentner Stadium in Winston-Salem, N.C., for the national semifinals and championship game next weekend.

PARKING NOTICE: Because of the Maryland-Miami football game, which is slated for 3:30 p.m., there will be a charge of \$10 to park on campus. Lot 4i adjacent to the Field Hockey & Lacrosse Complex will be reserved for field hockey fans. Once the lot is full, fans will be directed to the Terrapin Trail Garage. Lots open at 9:30 a.m. and fans are encouraged to arrive early.

LAST TIME OUT: The top seed in the ACC Tournament, the Terps were upset by co-regular season champion Wake Forest in the championship game, 1-0.

WFU's goal with just 11 seconds remaining in the first half was enough for the Deacons to claim the conference crown.

Maryland was limited to zero shots in the first half, but rebounded with five attempts in the second half, one less than Wake Forest had the entire game. The Terps also had six penalty corners for the game, while WFU had just three.

At the conclusion of the tournament, Maryland's

Paula Infante and Susie Rowe were named to the all-tournament team.

ABOUT THE ACC TOURNAMENT: Sixteen teams earned NCAA Tournament bids. The top four seeds were seeded 1-4, and four host sites were determined for the first and second rounds.

Three of the four seeded teams are from the ACC, with ACC Champion Wake Forest garnering the top seed in the tournament. ACC runner-up Maryland is the second seed, while Duke is the fourth. Colonial Athletic Association Champion Old Dominion was seeded third.

Six teams captured its conferences automatic berth: Ivy League Champion Princeton, Big East Champion Connecticut, Big Ten Champion Iowa, Colonial Athletic Association Champion Old Dominion, Patriot League Champion American and America East Champion Boston University. Atlantic 10 Champion Richmond and NorPac Champion California each won their respective play-in games claim a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

There are eight at-large bids with five going to ACC teams. Because it is only the second year of the ACC having six teams, the conference did not qualify for an automatic berth. The Big Ten received two at-large bids (Penn State, Ohio State), while the CAA's James Madison also received a bid.

College Park is one of four first- and second-round sites selected for the NCAA Tournament. The Blue Devils, Princeton and the Demon Deacons were also awarded home bids.

The winners of each of the four first and second round sites go on to play for the national championship in Winston-Salem, N.C., at the campus of the Wake Forest University on Nov. 17 and 19.

TERPS IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT: Maryland is 31-14 all-time in the NCAA Tournament and 34-15 in the national tournament (AIAW in 1979). The Terps,

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NFHCA COACHES POLL

DATE: FINAL

| Rk. | Team | Points | Prev. |
|-----|--------------------------|----------|-------|
| 1. | Wake Forest* (19-1) | 558 (27) | |
| 2. | MARYLAND (19-2) | 532 (1) | |
| 3. | Old Dominion (19-3) | 500 | |
| 4. | Duke* (14-5) | 460 | |
| 5. | Ohio State (14-3) | 415 | |
| 6. | Penn State (15-5) | 406 | |
| 7. | Connecticut (19-3) | 389 | |
| 8. | North Carolina* (13-8) | 358 | |
| 9. | Boston College (14-6) | 301 | |
| 10. | Virginia* (13-7) | 289 | |
| 11. | Providence (18-4) | 259 | |
| 12. | California (16-4) | 236 | |
| 13. | James Madison (15-7) | 210 | |
| 14. | Iowa (12-8) | 208 | |
| 15. | Louisville (12-8) | 172 | |
| 16. | Indiana (14-5) | 153 | |
| 17. | Richmond (16-4) | 118 | |
| 18. | Michigan (11-9) | 110 | |
| 19. | American (14-6) | 74 | |
| 20. | Boston University (14-6) | 38 | |

* ACC opponent

Bold indicates 2006 opponent

MARYLAND IN THE POLLS

| Week | Pre | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---------|-----|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Ranking | 1 | 1 | T1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

who are making their 20th national tournament appearance and 19th in the NCAA Tournament, have captured four NCAA titles, with the latest coming last year in Louisville, Ky. The Terps have won titles in 1987, 1993, 1999 and 2005, each coming six years apart.

Head coach Missy Meharg has guided the Terps to 17 NCAA Tournament appearances, winning the title three times.

It is the 12th-consecutive season Maryland has played in the NCAA Tournament, reaching the semifinal round the last three years in a row and in six of the last seven years. The Terps have never won the title in back-to-back seasons.

TERPS BY ROUND: Maryland is 11-2 in the first round of the postseason national tournament and 10-2 in the NCAA Tournament, moving on to the second round in each of the last seven years.

In the second round, the Terps are 11-6 (including the second-round victory in the AIAW Tournament in 1979). In the semifinals, Maryland has posted a 6-5 record, winning the NCAA title in four of six tries.

with three of the four seeds going to the conference, including Maryland who garnered the second seed in the tournament. Wake Forest, who won the ACC Tournament and has won three NCAA titles, is the top seed. Duke, who lost to the Terps in last year's NCAA Tournament championship, is the third seed. The Colonial Athletic Association's Old Dominion is the only non-ACC team to have earned one of the top seeds.

TERPS VS. THE FIELD: Maryland is 10-2 this season against teams in the field of 16. The Terps posted a pair of wins over Virginia and Old Dominion, while splitting games Wake Forest. American, California, James Madison, Princeton, and North Carolina all fell in the only meeting with the Terps. The Terps lost in the only game this season vs. Duke.

SERIES VS...:

• **Penn State:** The Nittany Lions own an 18-9-1 lead in the all-time series. However, the Terps won the last meeting, claiming a 5-0 victory in the second round of the 2003 NCAA Tournament at College Park. The teams have met four times in the NCAA Tournament.

• **Richmond:** After a 1-1 tie in the first-ever meeting

ACC IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT: The ACC earned the most number of NCAA Tournament bids,

ACC STANDINGS

| Team | ACC | | Overall | |
|----------------|-----|------|---------|------|
| | W-L | Pct. | W-L | Pct. |
| Maryland | 4-1 | .800 | 19-2 | .905 |
| Wake Forest | 4-1 | .800 | 19-1 | .950 |
| Duke | 3-2 | .600 | 14-5 | .737 |
| Boston College | 2-3 | .400 | 14-6 | .700 |
| Virginia | 1-4 | .200 | 13-7 | .650 |
| North Carolina | 1-4 | .200 | 13-8 | .619 |

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Danielle Forword, UNC.....Aug. 28
- Tracey Scott, WF.....Sept. 4
- Christine Suggs, WF.....Sept. 11
- Marian Dickson, DU.....Sept. 18
- Nicole Muracco, MD.....Sept. 25**
- Nicole Muracco, MD/Julia Berkowitz, BC (co). Oct. 2
- Amy Stopford, Duke.....Oct. 9
- Nicole Muracco, MD.....Oct. 16**
- Susie Rowe, MD.....Oct. 23**

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

ACC TOURNAMENT

Thursday, Nov. 2 • First Round
 #5 Virginia 2, #4 Boston College 1
 #6 North Carolina 2, #3 Duke 0

Friday, Nov. 3 • Semifinal Round
 #1 Maryland 5, Virginia 2
 #2 Wake Forest 3, North Carolina 0

Sunday, Nov. 4 • Championship
 Wake Forest 1, Maryland 0

2006 MARYLAND FIELD HOCKEY ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | Hgt. | Cl./El. | Hometown/High School (Last School) |
|-----|---------------------|------|------|---------|--|
| 00 | Kathryn Masson | GK | 5-10 | Jr./Jr. | Richmond British, Columbia/Hugh McRoberts |
| 1 | Christina Restivo | GK | 5-7 | Sr./Sr. | Parkton, Md./Hereford |
| 2 | Kate Effland | B | 5-3 | Fr./Fr. | Myersville, Md./Middletown |
| 3 | Brianna Davies | M | 5-5 | Fr./Fr. | Annville, Pa./Palmyra Area |
| 4 | Kim Ziegler | F | 5-4 | Jr./So. | Kingsville, Md./Fallston |
| 5 | Kristina Edmonds | B | 5-4 | Sr./Sr. | Emmaus, Pa./Emmaus |
| 6 | Susie Rowe | M/B | 5-7 | So./So. | London, England/Colfe's School |
| 7 | Janneke van Leeuwen | F/M | 5-11 | Jr./Jr. | Hilversum, Netherlands/Alberdingle Thljm College |
| 8 | Emily Trycinski | F | 5-5 | Sr./Sr. | Nazareth, Pa./Nazareth |
| 9 | Kelsie Ward | M/B | 5-5 | Fr./Fr. | Camden, Del./Caesar Rodney |
| 10 | Berber Rischen | M | 5-4 | Gr./Sr. | Rotterdam, Netherlands/Wolfert van Borselen (Kent St.) |
| 11 | Danielle Keeley | M/F | 5-7 | So./So. | Elkton, Md./North East |
| 12 | Paula Infante | M/B | 5-6 | Sr./Sr. | Santiago, Chile/Santiago College |
| 13 | Nicole Muracco | F | 5-7 | Fr./Fr. | Sewell, N.J./Washington Township |
| 14 | Ameliet Rischen | F/M | 5-6 | Fr./Fr. | Rotterdam, Netherlands/Wolfert van Borselen |
| 15 | Ellen Ott | B | 5-6 | So./So. | Schwenksville, Pa./Perkioman Valley |
| 17 | Alexis Pappas | F | 5-7 | Fr./Fr. | Mount Joy, Pa./Donegal |
| 18 | Kristina Foster | M | 5-2 | Fr./Fr. | Medford, N.J./Shawnee |
| 19 | Alicia Morawski | M/B | 5-7 | Fr./Fr. | Grosse Point, Mich./Grosse Point South |
| 20 | Kendall Beveridge | B | 5-4 | Jr./Jr. | Frederick, Md./Governor Thomas Johnson |
| 21 | Megan Fox | M/F | 5-3 | Sr./Sr. | Zionsville, Pa./Southern Lehigh |
| 22 | Sarah Scholl | M/F | 5-1 | So./So. | Center Valley, Pa./Southern Lehigh |
| 99 | Alicia Grater | GK | 5-7 | So./Fr. | Gilbertsville, Pa./Boyetown Area |

Head Coach: Missy Meharg, 19th year at Maryland (Delaware '85)

Assistant Coach: Tjerk van Herwaarden, 2nd year at Maryland (HES '97)

Assistant Coach: Marybeth Freeman, 4th year at Maryland (Old Dominion '03)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Emily Beach, 1st year (Maryland '06)

Student Assistant Coach: Lauren Powley

Team Captains: Paula Infante, Kristina Edmonds

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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| Paula Infante | Pah-OO-la een-FAHN-tay | Berber Rischen | REESH-en |
| Kathryn Masson | MAH-sun | Emily Trycinski | try-SIN-ski |
| Missy Meharg | muh-HARG | Tjerk van Herwaarden | Chair-ick van Hair-WAHR-den |
| Nicole Muracco | muh-RAH-ko | Janneke van Leeuwen | YAH-nuh-KAH van LOO-en |
| Ameliet Rischen | ahm-meh-LEET REESH-en | | |

between the teams in 1983, the Terrapins have won the last 16 meetings in a row, including the first-ever meeting between the teams in the postseason last year in the first round. Maryland defeated the Spiders, 4-0.

• **North Carolina:** Maryland and North Carolina have a long and storied field hockey history but never in the history of series, which dates back to 1982 and 47 meetings, have the teams met in the NCA Tournament.

A LOOK AT THE TERPS: Twelve Terrapins have scored at least a goal this season, led by All-ACC freshman Nicole Muracco's 15 tallies. She is also the team's leader with 33 points. Both Paula Infante and Susie Rowe also have double-digit goals, netting 11 apiece. The offense is ranked in the national top 10 in three different categories, recording the third-best scoring margin in the nation at +2.71. The Terps also rank eighth in scoring average, goals per game average and points per game. Maryland has outscored its opponents, 74-17, so far this season.

The Terrapin defense is ranked among the top three in the nation. The backfield boasts an 0.81 goals against average on the strength of junior Kathryn Masson's 0.82 GAA which ranks third in the nation.

Junior Janneke van Leeuwen's 13 assists are the best on the team and ranks 14th in the country with a 0.62 assists per game average. The team's 2.43 appg is 11th in the nation.

IN THE RANKINGS: After falling to Wake Forest in the championship game of the ACC Tournament, Maryland is ranked second in the nation, the first time all season the Terrapins have not been in the top spot of the NFHCA Coaches Poll.

The Demon Deacons took over No. 1 in the final poll, as all six ACC teams are ranked in the top 10. The Terps are No. 2, followed by No. 4 Duke. North Carolina, Boston College and Virginia are eighth, ninth and 10th, respectively.

The Terps have faced 10 of the top 20 teams in the nation, so far. The Terps defeated No. 3 Old Dominion twice and also posted wins over non-

conference opponents #12 California, #13 James Madison, #18 Michigan and #19 American. They will also face #17 Richmond in the first round, with the possibility of facing #6 Penn State or UNC in the second round should the Terps win.

MURACCO PICKED ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: At the conclusion of the ACC Tournament, the league announced that Maryland's Nicole Muracco was the ACC's Freshman of the Year. She becomes the fifth Terrapin in school history to earn the honor and the second in the last three years. Current teammate junior Janneke van Leeuwen was freshman of the year in 2004.

Muracco leads the team with 15 goals and 33 points, ranking in the top 10 in both categories in the ACC.

With Muracco's honor, the Terps claimed two of the four major conference awards, with Paula Infante garnering Defensive Player of the Year honors for the second time earlier in the week.

INFANTE, ROWE NAMED ALL-TOURNAMENT:

Also announced at the conclusion of the ACC Tournament, senior Paula Infante and sophomore Susie Rowe were both selected to the All-ACC Tournament team.

Infante's selection is the fourth of her career, the fourth player in school history to earn the honor four times. She scored two goals and had an assist in the Terps' semifinal win over Virginia.

Rowe was last year's tournament Most Valuable Player. She also had a pair of goals vs. the Cavaliers.

INFANTE SELECTED DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR... AGAIN:

For the second-straight and the second time in the three-year history of the award, Paula Infante was voted the ACC's Defensive Player of the Year. She is the first Terrapin in school history to earn multiple player of the year honors.

Also only the fourth player in school history to be named All-ACC four times, Infante has started every game she has played in since she stepped on campus, sitting out just one game of her freshman campaign. She is tied for second on the team with 11 goals and is third with seven assists and 29 points. She ranks among the top 10 point and goal scorers in school history.

This year, Infante has helped Maryland post the third-best team goals against average in the nation (0.81) and nine shut outs.

FIVE TERRAPINS NAMED ALL-ACC: Five Terrapins were among the 17 All-ACC honorees, tying a school record and the most since 2000.

Senior Paula Infante was the only repeat honoree among the Terps selected. She became only the fourth player in school history to be named all-conference four times and the first since Carla Tagliente accomplished the feat from 1997-2000.

The first time All-ACC honorees were senior Kristina Edmonds, sophomore Susie Rowe, junior Kathryn Masson and freshman Nicole Muracco. Rowe, Edmonds and Masson have teamed up to post the third-best defense in the nation which

SEASON HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL

Goals: 2, 10 times
(last time Paula Infante & Susie Rowe, Nov. 3)
Assists: 3, Janneke van Leeuwen vs. Cal (Aug. 29)
Points: 5, three times
(last time, Paula Infante vs. Virginia, Nov. 3)
Shots: 11, Paula Infante vs. Appalachian St. (Oct. 27)
Saves: 7, twice
(last time K. Masson at Old Dominion, Oct. 14)

MARYLAND

Goals: 7, Northwestern (Sept. 10)
Assists: 7, at California (Aug. 29)
Points: 19, Northwestern (Sep. 10)
Shots: 40, Appalachian State (Oct. 27)
Saves: 8, at Old Dominion (Oct. 14)
Corners: 13, Delaware (Sept. 13)

OPPONENT

Goals: 2, five times (last vs. Virginia, Nov. 3)
Assists: 2, twice (last vs. Duke, Oct. 7)
Points: 6, Duke (Oct. 7)
Shots: 12, at Old Dominion (Oct. 14)
Saves: 20, Appalachian State (Oct. 27)
Corners: 8, at Old Dominion (Oct. 14)

SEASON LOWS

MARYLAND

Goals: 0, twice (last vs. Wake Forest, Nov. 3)
Assists: 0, three times (last at Wake Forest, Nov. 3)
Points: 0, twice (last vs. Wake Forest, Nov. 3)
Shots: 5, vs. Wake Forest (Nov. 3)
Saves: 0, three times (last vs. Duke, Oct. 7)

OPPONENTS

Goals: 0, eight times (last vs. Appalachian St., Oct. 27)
Assists: 0, eight times (last vs. Appalachian St., Oct. 27)
Points: 0, eight times (last vs. Appalachian St., Oct. 27)
Shots: 1, three times (last vs. Albany, Oct. 15)
Saves: 1, James Madison (Sept. 17)
Corners: 0, Temple (Sept. 9)

RECORD WHEN...

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|-----------------------|------|
| Overall | 19-2 |
| In ACC Games | 4-1 |
| vs. Ranked Opponents | 10-2 |
| At Home | 10-1 |
| Away | 6-0 |
| Neutral Site | 3-1 |
| Leading at the half | 15-0 |
| Tied at the half | 4-0 |
| Trailing at the half | 0-2 |
| In overtime | 1-0 |
| Out-shooting opponent | 18-1 |
| Scoring first | 17-0 |
| In day games | 15-1 |
| In night games | 5-0 |
| In rain/snow | 3-0 |
| In August | 3-0 |
| In September | 8-0 |
| In October | 7-1 |
| In November | 1-1 |
| On Monday | 1-0 |
| On Tuesday | 2-0 |
| On Wednesday | 2-0 |
| On Thursday | 0-0 |
| On Friday | 3-0 |
| On Saturday | 5-1 |
| On Sunday | 6-1 |

IN THE NCAA STATS

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Points Per game | |
| Nicole Muracco | 1.57 43rd |
| Goals Per Game | |
| Nicole Muracco | 0.71 25th |
| Assists Per Game | |
| Janneke van Leeuwen | 0.62 14th |
| Berber Rischen | 0.48 34th |
| Goals Against Average | |
| Kathryn Masson | 0.82 3rd |
| Save Percentage | |
| Kathryn Masson | 80.0 4th |
| TEAM | |
| Scoring Average | 8th 3.52 |
| Goals Per Game | 8th 3.52 |
| Goals Against Average | 3rd 0.81 |
| Scoring Margin | 3rd +2.71 |
| Assists | 11th 2.43 |
| Points | 8th 9.48 |
| Penalty Corners per Game | 14th 7.52 |
| W-L Percentage | 2nd 90.5 |

FIELD HOCKEY NOTES ♦ Nov. 11-12 NCAA Tournament

boasts a 0.81 team goals against average with nine shutouts.

Nicole Muracco leads the Terrapins with 15 goals and 33 points. The only freshman on the All-ACC team, she was the only player in the conference to earn ACC Player of the Week nods multiple times, garnering the award three times. Muracco's offensive play, coupled with Rowe and Infante's 11 goals apiece has the Terrapin offense ranked eighth in the nation.

ACC TITLE GAME=MAGIC 8 BALL?: Boasting six teams among the national top 10, the ACC has long been considered one of the top field hockey conferences in the nation. With five of those teams competing for the conference crown, being successful in the ACC Tournament requires NCAA Tournament-level play in order to capture a league title. With that said, the ACC title game could be considered a preview of the NCAA Tournament semifinal and final rounds.

In the 23-year history of the ACC Tournament, an ACC tournament finalist has reached the NCAA semifinals 24 times. Eighteen of those teams advanced to the title game and 10 times the NCAA Tournament champion was an ACC Tournament finalist. Of the 23 teams crowned ACC champion, eight also captured the NCAA Tournament title that same year, including the 2005 Maryland Terrapins.

SENIORS HONORED: The reigning national champion Terrapins honored its six seniors who were playing in the final regular-season game of their careers against Appalachian State on a rainy Oct. 27. Prior to the start of the game, Maryland recognized seniors Kristina Edmonds, Megan Fox, Paula Infante, Berber Rischen, Christina Restivo and Emily Trycsinki and their families.

This class is one of the most successful in the history of the program, amassing a 79-14 record for an 84.9 percent record over the four years. During this class' tenure, the Terrapins have made three-consecutive trips to the NCAA semifinals, winning the national title last season. This class has also reached the ACC finals three times, winning the tournament crown in 2005.

TERPS' STREAK ENDS: Maryland was the last undefeated team in the nation before its loss to Duke, opening the season on a school-best 12-game winning streak. The loss to the Blue Devils also snapped a 21-game win streak dating back to last season's victory over Delaware on Oct. 16. Maryland was just eight wins shy of tying the program's longest win streak of 29-consecutive wins, spanning Sept. 10, 1999-Sept. 17, 2000.

GREAT START: Maryland's 12-0 start to the season was the best in school history. The Terps bested the previous start of 11-0 in 1997.

SHUTTING DOWN: Maryland has recorded nine shut outs this season. The Terrapins closed out the regular season with two-straight shut outs over North Carolina and Appalachian State. Over half the team's shut outs (5) have come in the last seven

games of the regular season, including blankings over ranked opponents Duke, Old Dominion and UNC.

OPEN AND SHUT CASE: In the 2-0 loss to Duke on Oct. 7, Maryland was shutout in a game for the first time since Nov. 19, 2004 when Wake Forest shutout the Terps, 3-0, in the semifinals of the NCAA Tournament, a span of 37 games. During that time, the Terrapins had posted 14 shut outs against its opponents.

The Terrapins' longest streak of games without being shut out is 51 games (Oct. 11, 1998-Nov. 20, 2000).

With its 1-0 loss in the ACC Championship game to Wake Forest, Maryland was shutout for the second time this season. It is the first time since 2002 the Terps were shutout more than once in a season.

MURACCO THREE-TIME ACC HONOREE: All-ACC performer Nicole Muracco was named ACC Player of the Week three times over the course of the regular season, the only player in the ACC to earn multiple weekly conference nods.

Muracco earned her first recognition on Sept. 25 after she scored the game-winning goal in the 3-2 win at Wake Forest.

She earned the honor again the following week, garnering co-Player of the Week nods for tallying a pair of goals at Virginia then notching the game-winning, overtime goal against Michigan.

Most recently, Muracco was ACC Player of the Week on Oct. 16 after scoring the game-tying and the game-winning goal at Princeton, followed by a goal in the 1-0 win at Old Dominion.

Muracco was one of two Terps to be named player of the week this season. Sophomore Susie Rowe was selected on Oct. 23.

ROWE SELECTED PLAYER OF THE WEEK: All-ACC honoree Susie Rowe was named conference Player of the Week on Oct. 23. She earned the honor for the first time in her career and was the second Terrapin this season to earn the accolade.

Rowe earned a share of the honor after she scored the only goal in the 1-0 win against North Carolina to help Maryland clinch a share of the ACC regular season title. Prior to that game, she also scored a goal in the 5-1 win over American.

MURACCO ON A ROLL: Freshman Nicole Muracco has registered at least a point in all but five games this season, also scoring at least a goal 14 of the Terps' 21 games.

The Sewell, N.J., native scored at least a goal in eight-straight games before the Terrapins' loss to Duke, three games short of tying the school record.

The ACC's Freshman of the Year, Muracco leads the team with 15 goals this season, the only player on the team to tally double-digit goals. She is fifth in the ACC in goals per game with an 0.71 average. Muracco also ranked sixth in the ACC with 1.57 points per game.

MASSON CLAMS UP: For the second-consecutive season, junior All-American goalkeeper Kathryn Masson is proving herself to be one of the top netminders in the country. Last year, she led the country with a 0.91 goals against average. She boasts the third-best goals against average in the nation, carrying a career-best 0.82 GAA.

Along with fellow goalkeepers Christina Restivo and Alicia Grater, the Terrapins boast a 0.81 GAA, which is ranked third, with nine shutouts.

BALANCED ATTACK: The Terps have 12 players who have scored goals this season. In 11 of the team's 18 wins, no Terrapin had tallied multiple goals in the game.

Maryland's balanced attack is ranked in the top 10 in five different offensive statistical categories, including ranking sixth in the nation in scoring average. Freshman Nicole Muracco is the only Terp with double-digit goals this season, leading the team with 15.

The Terrapins' scoring is up slightly from a year ago. The Terps scored 70 goals through the first 21 games of last season. This year, they have tallied 74 times.

INFANTE AMONG BEST OFFENSIVE THREATS

IN SCHOOL HISTORY: With her goal in the win at California, senior Paula Infante became just the 10th player in school history to tally 50 career goals. Infante is sixth all-time with 57 career goals, passing former teammate Jackie Ciconte. Terrapin great Carla Tagliente (1997-00) holds the school record with the most career goals at 73.

Infante also recently entered the top 10 among the program's top point scorers. She is currently tied for seventh with Carissa Messimer with 137 points.

VAN LEEUWEN AMONG ALL-TIME BEST HELPERS

A fixture on the penalty corners team, junior Janneke van Leeuwen has racked up 38 career assists in her nearly three seasons as a Terrapin. She currently ranks in a tie for eighth on the all-time list at Maryland.

INFANTE TROUBLES DEFENSES

Honda Award winner and three-time All-American Paula Infante continues to give opposing defenses headaches. While her offensive numbers are down, Infante has opened up the scoring opportunities for her teammates. Because she is such a big offensive threat, she draws double and triple teams during the games, allowing fellow Terps to open up. She has attempted a team-high 88 shots. And while only eight have seen the back of the cage, Infante makes the goalkeeper move in the net, allowing her teammates to score on the putback, rebounds and scrambles.

FAMILIAR PERFORMANCE: Graduate student Berber Rischen is putting together another solid season, reminiscent of the 2004 season when she was named co-Mid-American Conference Player of the Year while at Kent State. Rischen, the older sister of freshman Ameliet, is second on the team with 10 assists and has seven goals while starting in

every game, one goal better than she had in 2004, the season she earned the MAC honor. She is just one assists from tying her personal best in that category she set as a freshman in 2003 and three goals from her career high.

SISTER ACT: Sisters Ameliet and Berber Rischen both scored their first goals of the season in the 3-0 victory over Delaware on Sept. 13.

The Rischen sisters are the ninth set of sisters to play for Maryland and the first set to play on the same team since the Kelly sisters, Kristin and Megan, appeared on the same roster in 2000.

Ameliet is in her freshman season while older sister Berber is a graduate student in the Smith School of Business and transferred from Kent State.

FABULOUS FRESHMEN: Nine newcomers have been welcomed to the team, including eight freshmen. The incoming class has made a significant impact on the No. 1 Terrapins. Four have started in at least 11 games so far, including Bri Davies who has been a starter in every game, while two others have also seen time on the turf. Freshman Nicole Muracco is the team's leader with 15 goals and 33 points. Newcomer Berber Rischen, a graduate student and transfer from Kent State, has also been a starter in every game. She leads the team with 10 assists.

The newcomers have accounted for just under half (9) of the team's 19 game-winning goals this season, led by Muracco's five.

ZIEGLER TAKES IT ANOTHER LEVEL: Redshirt Kim Ziegler has taken her play to another level and it has paid off. Sitting out her freshman campaign and seeing action in 16 of the Terps' 25 games last season, Ziegler has played in every game this year, starting in 10 games. She has scored five goals, four more than she did all of last year, knocking in the game-winning goal against No. 4 Old Dominion earlier this season.

A native of Kingsville, Md., she is the most efficient shooter on the team, scoring on 50.0 percent of her nine shots.

INFANTE, EDMONDS SELECTED CAPTAINS: Maryland selected its team captains for the 2006 campaign. Senior Paula Infante was named captain, while classmate Kristina Edmonds was named vice captain. Infante is a three-time first team All-American and also last year's Honda Sports Award winner. She has been a staple in the starting lineup since arriving on campus.

Edmonds worked her way into the lineup, becoming a full-time starter last year on the defense. Last year, she was named a first team Mid-Atlantic All-Region selection.

INFANTE SELECTED ACC ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: In late July, senior Paula Infante was named recipient of the ACC's Mary Graber Award, presented to the conference's top female athlete across all sports. Infante is the first field hockey player at Maryland to ever win the award. Last year, she was the sports' national player of the year and earned

first team All-American honors for the third time. She was also voted the conference's Defensive Player of the Year, garnering All-ACC nods for the third time.

FORMER TERRAPINS HELP U.S. PLACE SIXTH AT WORLD CUP : Former Terrapins Dina Rizzo, Sarah Silvetti, Keli Smith and Lauren Powley helped the U.S. place sixth at the World Cup in Madrid, Spain, the second-highest showing for the Americans and only the third top-six showing for the team since its first appearance in the world championship in 1983.

TERPS HOST INTERNATIONAL EVENT: The US Field Hockey Association hosted its preliminary rounds of the Four Nation Tournament at the Field Hockey & Lacrosse Complex, Aug. 17-20. The premier event included three of the top teams in the World - No. 1 Netherlands, No. 2 Argentina and No. 3 Australia - and No. 12 USA, while also drawing record crowds. Over 3,000 fans poured into the Terps' home field to watch the international competition.

COMING UP: The winners of all second-round NCAA Tournament games move on to the national semifinals at Kentner Stadium in Winston-Salem, N.C. The semifinals takes place Nov. 17, with the national title game happening Nov. 19.