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*Three-day event to run through Sunday

Stanford To Start NCAA Championships Friday

Oak Ridge, Tenn. – The Stanford women's rowing team will begin the 2007 NCAA Women's Rowing Championships on Friday as an at-large varsity eight boat. Stanford will be in the day's second heat beginning at 8:15 am, ET. The three-day event will be held Friday-Sunday, May 25-27, at Melton Hill Lake in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Stanford clinched one of the at-large spots by finishing second at the Pac-10 Championships on May 13, defeating California, UCLA and Washington in the event. The Cardinal finished 3.5 seconds behind No. 1 nationally ranked USC, the closest any team has finished to the Trojans this year.

"It's been an exciting run-up to the end of the season," said head coach Yasmin Farooq. "The team has been diligent in improving its technique and supporting one another in and out of the boat. They are mentally tougher, and they proved that they are willing to do what is necessary to contend at a high level. Now, we've got eight days to prep for the best teams in the country. They understand what that entails."

The team championships are comprised of 12 teams and each squad is required to field a first varsity eight, a second varsity eight and a varsity four. The 12 qualifying teams are Brown, California, Harvard, Minnesota, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Princeton, USC, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington and Yale.

Central Florida, Dartmouth, Stanford and UCLA have the four at-large varsity eight boat selections. They will compete against the 12 varsity eights from the team selections for an NCAA title in the varsity eights – the fastest women's varsity boat in the country. The team title will be awarded to the team that accrues the most points in the varsity eights, second varsity eight and varsity four.