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Northeast Conference Women's Golf Championship 2011: Defending Champion Fairleigh Dickinson Sits First After Day One Knights Mariana Juaristi and Lisa Warrilow Hold One-Stroke Lead

Daytona Beach, FL - The first round of the 2011 Northeast Conference Women's Golf Championships teed off in balmy conditions under a bright sky at the LPGA International golf course in Daytona Beach, FL. The defending champions from Fairleigh Dickinson stand in first place with a 310, finishing at the top of the leader board after day one for the third time in four years. Sacred Heart is seven strokes back (317) in second place, and Saint Francis (PA) jumped three spots from last year's opening round to end the day in third (324). Robert Morris and Wagner, separated by only three strokes notched fourth (331) and fifth (334), respectively. Monmouth nabbed sixth with a 336, followed by Mount St. Mary's in seventh (341). In eighth place, Long Island and Central Connecticut State turned in identical scores of 345, while St. Francis (NY) knocked in a 371 for ninth place. Rounding out the field is first-year program Quinnipiac in tenth (411).

Leading Fairleigh Dickinson's campaign for a second consecutive title is freshman Mariana Juarasti (Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexcio/Prepa Tec) and senior Lisa Warrilow (Gnosall, Stafford, UK). The rookie, veteran duo shares the top spot, knocking in a first round total of two-over par 74. Juarasti and Warrilow not only finished with identical final scores, they also carded identical rounds of 39-35 for the par-72 6,065 layout. Juarasti fired a field-high five birdies, firing in a pair back-to-back on the 16th and 17th hole. Warrilow, who finished fourth last year, notched all three of her birdies on the back nine.

A good day for rookies, Saint Francis (PA) freshman **Ann Colligan (Kittanning, PA/Kittanning)** finished 18 holes in third place, only a single stroke behind the leaders with a three-over par 75. In fourth place, junior **Anna Palsson (Stockholm, Sweden/Ostra Real)** shot a 75 to claim fifth place. Palsson, no stranger to the top-10, has finished fifth and seventh in her first two NEC Championship outings.

In a six-way tie for fifth are three golfers from Sacred Heart and representatives from Fairleigh Dickinson, Wagner and Monmouth. Pioneer teammates Brianna Carnahan (Port Jefferson, NY/Earl J.Vandermueln), Gabriella Riber (Stockholm, Sweden/Danderyds Gymnasium) and Carly Bergin (Binghamton, NY/Chenango Valley) all sit in fifth with a 78, while Fairleigh Dickinson's Ester Park (Demarset, NJ/Demarset), Monmouth's Kelsi Kavanagh (Point Pleasant, NJ/Point Pleasant) and Wagner's Miko Page (Brooklyn, NY/Edward R. Murrow) also join the SHU trio fifth slot.

The 2011 NEC Women's Golf Championship will resume play tomorrow, Saturday, April 22th, at 8:00 a.m. The tournament's final round will be played Sunday, April 23rd, with the first tee time set at 8:00

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Standings Individual - T1 Mariana Juaristi Fairleigh Dickinson - T1 Lisa Warrilow Fairleigh Dickinson 74 +2 74 +2 Ann Colligan St. Francis - PA Anna Palsson Long Island 75 +3 77 +5 78 +6 78 +6 78 +6 78 +6 - T5 Bri Carnahan Sacred Heart White - T5 Bri Carnahan Sacred Heart White - T5 Carly Bergin Sacred Heart White - T5 Gabi Riber Sacred Heart White - T5 Esther Park Fairleigh Dickinson - T5 Miko Page Wagner College 78 +6 Kelsi Kavanagh Monmouth 78 +6 T5 - T11 Caryn Doege St. Francis - PA 79 +7 - T11 Caryn Doege St. Francis - PA 79 +7 - T11 Samantha Smyers St. Francis - PA 79 +7 - T11 Elizabeth Wenger Robert Morris 79 +7 - 14 Anna Ausanio Central Conn. St. 81 +9 - T15 Katie Reid Central Conn. St. 82 +10 - T15 Sarah Roe Mount St. Mary's 82 +10 - T15 Jenna Rinker Robert Morris 82 +10 - T18 Jenn Clinton Sacred Heart White 83 +11 - T18 Ellen Huffman Wagner College 83 +11 - T20 Michelle Riber Sacred Heart White 84 +12 - T20 Lauren Chapman Fairleigh Dickinson 84 +12 - T20 Autumn Serruta Mount St. Mary's 84 +12 - T23 Teresa Dillilo St. Francis Coll-NY 85 +13 - T23 Tess Wolfe Robert Morris 85 +13 - T23 Rachel Werner Monmouth 85 +13 - III Caryn Doege St. Francis - PA - T11 Samantha Smyers St. Francis - PA - T11 Flizabeth Wenger Pobert Morris T23 Rachel Werner Monmouth 85 +13 - T27 Lizzie Abbondandolo Monmouth - T27 Allison Amador Wagner College 86 +14 86 +14 - T27 Michele Holzwarth Fairleigh Dickinson 86 +14 T30 Julia Rappa Long Island 87 +15 - 47 Brianne Tansey Quinnipiac 94 +22 - 48 Carla Biggs St. Francis Coll-NY 96 +24 - T49 Ashley Yelverton St. Francis Coll-NY 97 +25 - T49 Amanda Nagel Quinnipiac 97 +25 - S1 Nicole Fazio Mount St. Mary's 98 +26 - 52 Lauren Suarez St. Francis Coll-NY 100 +28 - 53 Stephanie Alwardt Quinnipiac 128 +56 - 54 Stacey Kmill Quinnipiac 136 +64 Caitlin Meadows Long Island W -Standings Team 310 +22 Fairleigh Dickinson 1 Sacred Heart White 317 +29 324 +36 331 +43 St. Francis - PA 3 Robert Morris Wagner College 4 334 +46 5 Monmouth Mount St. Mary's 341 +53 345 +57 6 T8 Long Island T8 Long Island 345 +57 T8 Central Conn. St. 345 +57 10 St. Francis Coll-NY 371 +83 1 1 Quinnipiac 411 +123