



WOMEN'S GOLF 2016-17 NOTES

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SMU MUSTANGS

FINAL EVENT NOTES



SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Location/Result
Sept. 12-13	Mercedes-Benz Collegiate	7th of 15
Sept. 16-18	Mason Rudolph Championship	2nd of 15
Oct. 17-18	Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational	6th of 14
Oct. 23-25	Maryb S. Kauth Invitational	6th of 14
Nov. 7-8	Trinity Forest Invitational	6th of 14
Feb. 5-7	UCF Challenge	T-8th of 17
Feb. 27-28	The Dickson	6th of 16
March 14-15	Dr. Dennis Thompson Invite	7th of 15
March 24-26	LSU Tiger Golf Classic	T-7th of 15
April 7-9	2017 PING/ASU Invitational	7th of 14
April 16-18	The American Championship	2nd of 9
March 8-10	NCAA Regionals	13th of 18

BOLD Indicates Home Event

ROSTER

NAME	YR	HOMETOWN
Alex Celli	SR	Southlake, Texas
Brigitte Dunne	SO	Camarillo, Calif.
Lindsey McCurdy	SR	Kyle, Texas
Katie Page	SR	Louisville, Ky.
Ana Paula Ramirez	FR	Pachuca, Mexico
Faith Summers	FR	San Antonio, Texas
Kenzie Wright	FR	Frisco, Texas

QUICK FACTS

Head Coach	Jeanne Sutherland (Northern Iowa, 1983)
Assistant Coach	David Von Ins (Ferris State, 2007)
Conference	American Athletic (AAC)
2017 Conference Finish	2nd
2017 NCAA Regional Finish	13th

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GOLF HISTORY

Team Conference Championships	2
Individual Conference Champions	3
National Championships	1 (1979 AIAW)
Individual National Champions	1
NCAA Appearances	15
Individual NCAA Appearances	18
All-Americans	7
First-Team All-Conference Selections	28
Academic All-America Scholars	14

AWARDS & HONORS

All-American Athletic Conference

Brigitte Dunne
Lindsey McCurdy
Kenzie Wright

Golfweek Midseason

All-American Athletic Conference

Lindsey McCurdy
Kenzie Wright

AAC Golfer of the Week

Brigitte Dunne (March 1)
Lindsey McCurdy (March 29, March 22)

2016-17 TOP INDIVIDUAL FINISHES

	1st	Top 5	Top 10	Top 20
Celli	--	--	--	--
Dunne	--	2	2	4
McCurdy	--	3	8	11
Page	--	--	--	--
Ramirez	--	--	--	--
Summers	--	1	1	2
Wright	--	1	3	6

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2017 Regional Wrap-Up: The SMU women's golf team closed out the 2016-17 season at the NCAA Albuquerque Regional held at the UNM Championship Course. As a team, the Mustangs finished 13th in the 18-team field. Sophomore Brigitte Dunne led the Ponies, finishing 8-over 224 and tied for 27th place.

Dunne (75-74-75--224) climbed 10 spots on the individual leaderboard in the third round to secure her final placement, carding a 3-over 75. It was the highest finish for the Mustangs since the 2015 St. George Regional.

Freshman Faith Summers (77-77-75--229) and senior Lindsey McCurdy (83-74-75--232) also went 3-over on the final 18 to finish the event tied for 57th and 68th, respectively. Summers led the Mustangs with nine birdies over 54 holes, the tournament's fourth highest individual total.

In her first NCAA Regional appearance, Kenzie Wright (74-76-77--227) earned the second highest finish for SMU, tying for 43rd following a third-round 5-over 77. Classmate Ana Paula Ramirez also represented the Mustangs at the event, finishing 18-over 234.

This was the 15th overall NCAA appearance for the Mustangs, and the fifth consecutive NCAA Regional appearance. SMU finished second at the American Athletic Championship in April and was ranked as high as No. 20 during the 2016-17 season. McCurdy, Dunne and Wright all earned all-conference accolades for the Mustangs.

2017 Conference Championship: The SMU women's golf team fired the day's low round on Tuesday, going 5-under 283, to secure runner-up honors at the 2017 American Athletic Conference Championship on the Conservatory Course at the Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast, Florida. SMU finished the three-day event with a season-best 1-under 863, while sophomore Brigitte Dunne posted a career-high, second-place finish at 6-under 210.

SMU's third-round 5-under was the second-lowest round shot at the tournament, and was also one stroke off the tournament record, posted by Houston in Sunday's second round.

UCF won the nine-team event, going 4-under 860, while the Knights' Ashley Holder earned medalist honors at 7-under 209. SMU was seven shots out of second heading into Tuesday, but a pair of 69s, a round low, from Dunne and Lindsey McCurdy helped the Mustangs climb into the second position.

Dunne (68-73-69--210), who was one of only two individuals who fired a pair of rounds in the 60s, posted four birdies and an unblemished front nine on the final day. Overall, Dunne led the Mustangs with 13 birdies, the third highest individual total at the event.

Freshman Faith Summers (72-70-71--213) picked up her first collegiate top-five performance, finishing in a two-way for fourth with UCF freshman Maria Balcazar. After missing a good portion of the season due to injury, Summers jumped into the top five, ending the tournament with all three rounds at par or better, and tied her season-high for birdies at nine.

McCurdy (75-73-69--217) was the third Mustang to crack the top 10, climbing five spots in the final round with her third round in the 60s this season to finish tied for eighth. McCurdy fired a 69 Tuesday, including four birdies on the front nine to bring her program-leading total to 99 this season. The senior also leads the team with all 31 of her rounds counting towards the Mustangs' team score this year.

Posting a season-best finish at the tournament was freshman Ana Paula Ramirez (75-74-74--223). Ramirez tied for 21st, finishing 7-over. Freshman Kenzie Wright also competed at the Championship, but withdrew after two rounds due to injury.

American Selections: Three Mustangs were honored as All-American Athletic Conference selections including senior Lindsey McCurdy, sophomore Brigitte Dunne and freshman Kenzie Wright.

McCurdy has played in all 11 of SMU's tournaments this season, with all 31 of her rounds counting toward SMU's team score. The Kyle, Texas, native has a 71.68 season scoring average, the lowest at SMU since the 1993-94 season. McCurdy leads the team with eight top-10 finishes this season, including three inside the top five. She also has a program-leading 99 birdies this season, and has doubled her career total with three rounds in the 60s. Her 19 rounds of par or better bring her career total to 34, which is second on SMU's list. This is the second all-conference honor for the senior, who also made the list in 2016.

Dunne also makes her second appearance as an all-league selection, after earning Freshman of the Year honors in 2016. The sophomore was the event runner-up at The American Championship, her highest finish of the 2016-17 season. She is second on the team with 97 birdies, with her total ranking second on the program list, and also contributed to SMU's team score in 29 of 31 rounds during her 11 tournaments.

Wright had a standout first season on the Hilltop, making the Mustang lineup in all 11 tournaments. Wright placed fourth at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational for her best performance of the season, and added three top-10 performances to her resume. She registered a team-best four rounds in the 60s, the best on record for a Mustang freshman.

Conference Favorites: Lindsey McCurdy (March 29, March 22) has twice been named the American Athletic Conference Women's Golfer of the Week, while Brigitte Dunne (March 1) has earned the honor once. The three total wins for the Mustangs ties for the most of any team in the conference, while McCurdy's pair of honors also tie for a league-best.

McCurdy and Kenzie Wright were also honored as part of Golfweek's Midseason All-American Athletic Conference team for their play last fall.

In The Record Books: Lindsey McCurdy finished the season atop the Mustangs' list for season scoring average. In 34 rounds this season, McCurdy had an average score of 72.18. Sophomore Brigitte Dunne is fifth at 73.62, freshman Kenzie Wright is sixth at 73.85 and freshman Faith Summers rounded out the top 10 at 74.50. On the career list,

McCurdy finishes her time on the Hilltop currently third at 74.90. Dunne is second after two seasons at 74.09.

Birdies On Birdies: Brigitte Dunne finished the 2016-17 season with 105 birdies, giving her the highest single-season total in SMU's history. Lindsey McCurdy was second with 103, and Kenzie Wright was fourth at 88. McCurdy also finishes her career second on the all-time list at 283.

Making It Count: Lindsey McCurdy, Kenzie Wright and Brigitte Dunne played in all 12 of SMU's tournaments during the 2016-17 season. McCurdy led the way with 33 of her 34 (97.1%) scores counting toward the Mustangs total, tying her for the most in a season at SMU. Brigitte Dunne finished the season in the top three as well, tied for third with 32 of 34 (94.1%) counted.

Head Of The Class: Lindsey McCurdy and Kenzie Wright both led their respective classes in scoring average for the season. McCurdy topped all senior scoring averages at SMU at 72.18, while Wright did so for first-year players at 73.58. Brigitte Dunne (73.62) was second on the sophomore list, and Faith Summers (74.50) was third for freshmen.

Career Numbers: Lindsey McCurdy finishes her four-year campaign on the Hilltop in the top three of at least five different career categories.

Scoring Average - 3rd - 74.90
Rounds of Par or Better - 2nd - 34
Total Rounds Played - 2nd - 124
Birdies - 2nd - 283
Eagles - 2nd - 5

Team On Top: The Mustangs finished the 2016-17 season with the best season scoring average (293.35) and par or better rounds (8) in SMU's history.

Welcome To The Hilltop: SMU women's golf coach Jeanne Sutherland announced the addition of three student-athletes for the 2017-18 season, as Lauren Chappell, Sophie DiGesualdo and Kennedy Pedigo have signed letters of intent to join the Mustangs.

Charleston High School's Chappell is the only female to win three individual Illinois State Championships, doing so in 2013, 2014 and 2016. She was also the 2016 Illinois Women's State Amateur Champion, and qualified for the 2016 US Junior Girls' Championship. In 2015 and 2016, Chappell was an AJGA Scholastic All-America honorable mention selection, posting seven top-10 finishes, including three in the top five.

Austin, Texas, native DiGesualdo helped Vandegriff High School to Texas State Championship appearances from 2014-2016, following Regional wins in 2015 and 2016 and District Championships each of the three seasons. DiGesualdo tied for ninth at the 2016 5A State Tournament, helping her team to a runner-up finish. During the 2015-16 season, she also posted medalist performances at the 2016 Regional Preview and District Tournament. Overall, DiGesualdo has 16 top-10 finishes for the Vipers and was an All-State, All-Region and All-District selection in 2016.

Pedigo is already having a successful 2017. Pedigo opened the year with a runner-up finish at the Legends Tour event in Corpus Christi, and followed her performance up by winning the Tour's Spring Preview event in March. She also tied for 19th at the Kathy Whitworth Invitational, which plays host to 72 of the world's best junior golfers. Golfweek currently ranks Pedigo fifth on Texas' list for the class of 2017, and 111th on their list of the country's junior golfers.

Trinity Forest: The New Home Of SMU Golf: Trinity Forest Golf Club becomes the new home course for SMU Golf. Trinity Forest will resemble many of the great old courses of the Northeast and Great Britain, featuring a links style course on a rolling meadow with tall native grasses and dramatic bunkering and green complexes. Once complete, Trinity Forest will become the new home of the PGA TOUR's AT&T Byron Nelson Championship as well as an NCAA invitational tournament and additional high-profile professional and amateur events.

The team of Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw – Coore & Crenshaw, Inc. – is building both the championship golf course as well as the short course. The design of Trinity Forest will honor classic golf courses with traditional, strategic golf and great artistry as the guiding philosophy.

Located in the 6,000 acre Great Trinity Forest near the Trinity River Audubon Center about 10 minutes south of downtown Dallas, the 400 acre site will ultimately consist of an 18-hole championship golf course, a world-class practice facility, a clubhouse, a practice academy for SMU's golf teams and a teaching center for The First Tee of Greater Dallas.

Leader Of The Pack: Head Women's Golf Coach Jeanne Sutherland was named the 2017 Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) Founders Award recipient. Sutherland has served as both Vice President and Division I Representative of the WGCA during her coaching career. She also mentors young coaches and writes a blog about coaching and playing competitive golf, along with volunteering with Salvation Army, the Dallas Independent School District and the Dallas Ronald McDonald House.



Back Row (L-R): Head Coach Jeanne Sutherland, Faith Summers, Alex Celli, Lindsey McCurdy, Assistant Coach David Von Ins
Front Row (L-R): Brigitte Dunne, Katie Page, Ana Paula Ramirez, Kenzie Wright

She began her coaching career in 1992 at Texas A&M, and led the Aggies to 13 tournament crowns and three Big 12 Conference titles. Sutherland was named Conference Coach of the Year four times while at A&M (1995, 1997, 2006, 2007), as well as Regional Coach of the Year twice (1997, 2007). Since arriving at SMU in 2011, Sutherland has led the Mustangs to four consecutive postseason berths (2013-16) and two top-three finishes at the American Athletic Conference Championships. In her career, Sutherland has coached three All-Americans, six conference champions, three conference Players of the Year, three conference Newcomers of the Year, 32 all-conference selections and 25 All-American Scholars.

Midseason Standouts: Lindsey McCurdy and Kenzie Wright were named to the Golfweek Midseason All-American Athletic Conference Team for their performances during the fall portion of the 2016-17 season.

McCurdy posted a pair of top-five finishes, earning runner-up honors at the Mustangs' weather-shortened Trinity Forest Invitational Nov. 7. To open the season, the senior tied for fifth in an 81-player field at the Mercedes-Benz Intercollegiate hosted by Tennessee Sept. 12 & 13. In 13 rounds this season, McCurdy posted rounds of par or better six times, which tied for a team-best. She also led the team with a 71.62 scoring average, posting a season-low round of 68 in her first round of the season.

Wright was second on the team with a 72.54 scoring average and shared the team lead for rounds of par or better (6) with McCurdy. She led the team with three of 13 rounds in the 60s including a team-low 66 in the fall, doing so at the Mason Rudolph Championship. Overall, she had a pair of top-10 finishes, which included a fourth-place finish at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational Oct. 17 & 18.

Junior All-American: Kenzie Wright was one of three Dallas-area golfers to be named to the American Junior Golf Association Rolex Junior All-American team. The Frisco, Texas, native won the Joanne Winter Arizona Silver Belle Championship and earned her top 2016 AJGA finish at the Winn Gripps Heather Farr Classic, finishing tied for seventh. Wright has played in all three tournaments to open the 2016-17 season for the Mustangs. Her highest finish came at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational Oct. 17 & 18 where she placed fourth. Wright also garnered a top-10 finish at the Mason Rudolph Championship, which included a 6-under 66 final round to place her in a three-way tie for eighth.

Winter Winner: Brigitte Dunne became the second SMU women's golfer to win the Joanne Winter Arizona Silver Belle Championship held at the South Course of Talking Stick Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dunne did so just a year after freshman Kenzie Wright finished atop the field in 2015.

Dunne posted 12 birdies and an unblemished second round en route to the championship, finishing 6-under 210 (70-70-70). However, it would take a playoff hole to secure the victory as Arizona's Haley Moore (68-72-70) came back late for the tie. Moore finished tied for second at the 2016 NCAA Championship as a freshman. Dunne's impressive third round included four birdies on the front nine to open the day, before adding a pair after the turn. The third-round total of six birdies accounted for half of her total for the event.

Four-Ball Qualifiers: Mustang sophomore Brigitte Dunne and recently graduated Alexandra Rossi finished atop the leaderboard at U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Qualifying held at the Sherrill Park Golf Course in Richardson, Texas. The pair led the 22-team field carding an unblemished 6-under 66 for the victory. The 2017 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball takes place May 27-31 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Mustangs In The Classroom: Katie Page was honored by the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) as an All-American Scholar for the third consecutive year after achieving a cumulative grade-point-average above the required 3.50 following the 2015-16 school year. Page played in all 12 of the Mustangs' tournaments during the 2015-16 season, earning her best finish at the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invitational in September. Her second top 10 finish came in October at the Alamo Invitational. In 35 rounds last season, Page registered a 75.77 scoring average and posted a low round of 69 at the Clover Cup in March. The Louisville, Kentucky, native is majoring in business with a sport management minor.

All six Mustangs from the 2015-16 roster also earned All-American Athletic Conference academic honors for posting a 3.0 or better grade-point-average last year.

GOLFSTAT RANKINGS (MAY 18)

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| 1. Stanford | 26. Oklahoma |
| 2. Alabama | 27. Wake Forest |
| 3. Florida | 28. Michigan |
| 4. UCLA | 29. Tennessee |
| 5. Florida State | 30. Texas Tech |
| 6. USC | 31. Pepperdine |
| 7. Arizona State | 32. BYU |
| 8. Duke | 33. UCF |
| 9. Furman | 34. San Diego State |
| 10. Georgia | 35. North Carolina |
| 11. South Carolina | 36. Illinois |
| 12. Northwestern | 37. Clemson |
| 13. Miami | 38. Oregon |
| 14. Kent State | 39. San Jose State |
| 15. Arizona | 40. Washington |
| 16. Texas | 41. TCU |
| 17. Baylor | 42. Augusta |
| 18. Oklahoma State | 43. Campbell |
| 19. Arkansas | 44. Michigan State |
| 20. Colorado | 45. SMU |
| 21. California | 46. Iowa State |
| 22. Texas A&M | 47. Auburn |
| 23. N.C. State | 48. UNLV |
| 24. Purdue | 49. Oregon State |
| 25. Ohio State | 50. Houston |