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U.S. National Champions Crowned in Huntersville *Walnut Creek Takes Overall High Point Title*

Huntersville, N.C. - The 2010 U.S. Synchronized Swimming National Championships concluded today with the finals competition at the Huntersville Family Fitness & Aquatics. The **Walnut Creek Aquanuts** (Walnut Creek, Calif.) scored 35 points en route to the overall high point national championship title. **Stanford University** (Palo Alto, Calif.) followed with 27 points while the **University of the Incarnate Word** (San Antonio, Texas) finished in third place with 21 points. The Ohio State University (Columbus, Ohio) posted 19 points while the Santa Clara Aquamaids (Santa Clara, Calif.) finished with nine points. Walnut Creek's **Jillian Penner** took home the overall individual high point title.

Santa Clara's **Mary Killman** was crowned the 2010 solo national champion with 181.792 points (combination of final free routine score and technical routine score), while Ohio State's **Barbara Nesbitt** earned the silver medal with a score of 179.958. Penner took home the bronze with 178.292 points.

In the duet final, Stanford's **Debbie Chen** and **Taylor Durand** finished in the top position with 174.292 points. Walnut Creek's Penner joined **Emily Burkhart** (169.625) for second place, while **Saki Fujise** and **Rosilyn Tegart** of the Incarnate Word (167.417) finished in third.

Stanford also took the top position in the team final with 178.500 points, followed by Incarnate Word (176.500) and Walnut Creek (173.333). In the combination final competition, Ohio State claimed first with an 88.250 while the Incarnate Word (86.375) and Walnut Creek (85.000) followed.

Media requests pertaining to the 2010 U.S. National Championships, should be directed to Taylor Payne at taylor@usasynchro.org or (317) 507-3410.

The 2010 U.S. National Championships marked the 65th year of national competition in the duet and team events and the 61st year of solo competition. This is the first year that

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the combination event has been included. Complete finals results are below and are posted at www.usasynchro.org.

Solo Finals:

1. Santa Clara Aquamaids - Mary Killman, 181.792; 2. Ohio State University - Barbara Nesbitt, 179.958; 3. Walnut Creek Aquanuts - Jillian Penner, 178.292; 4. Synchro San Antonio - Lyssa Wallace, 173.625; 5. Walnut Creek Aquanuts - Alexa Tchekmarev, 173.125; 6. Univ. of Incarnate Word - Saki Fujise, 171.000; 7. Walnut Creek Aquanuts - Alyson Haylor, 170.667; 8. Stanford University - Jessica Guenther, 170.458

Duet Finals:

1. Stanford University - Debbie Chen, Taylor Durand, 174.292; 2. Walnut Creek Aquanuts - Emily Burkhart, Jillian Penner 169.625; 3. Univ. of Incarnate Word - Saki Fujise, Seyeon Min, 167.417; 4. Walnut Creek Aquanuts - Alyson Haylor, Alexa Tchekmarev, 165.708; 5. Ohio State University - Deborah Shim, Caitlin Stewart, 165.083; 6. NorCal Synchro - Heidi Homma, Jane Homma, 161.458; 7. Arizona Aqua Stars - Alexandra Beckett, Jamie Flanery, 157.167; 8. Raleigh Auroras - Julia Gaylard, Natalie Gaylard, 156.375

Team Finals:

1. Stanford University - 178.500; 2. Univ. of Incarnate Word - 176.500; 3. Walnut Creek Aquanuts - 173.333; 4. Ohio State University - 170.167T; 5. Santa Clara Aquamaids - 170.167T; 6. Arizona Aqua - 165.333; 7. Canisius College - 164.667; 8. Seattle Synchro - 155.833

Combo Finals:

1. Ohio State University - 89.833; 2. Univ. of Incarnate Word - 88.000; 3. Arizona Aqua Stars - 85.167; 4. Walnut Creek Aquanuts - 85.000

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