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NCAC Football Special

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**ALL-NCAC FOOTBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED;
EIGHT REPEAT SELECTIONS ON FIRST TEAM**

November 27, 2001

CLEVELAND -- North Coast Athletic Conference champion Wittenberg placed 10 players on the first team to highlight the 2001 All-NCAC football squad, announced today after voting by the conference's 10 head coaches. The Tigers compiled a 9-1 record during the regular season. They are still alive in the NCAA tournament as Wittenberg took a 38-35 overtime decision from Hardin-Simmons in the first round of the NCAA Division III playoffs on Nov. 17 and a 41-0 decision from Thomas More on Nov. 24 in the second round.

Eight players were repeat first-team selections on the 26-man first team, which includes 12 seniors, eight juniors and six sophomores. Wittenberg seniors **Mike Aljancic (Louisville, OH/Louisville)** and **Juan Howard (Wooster, OH/Wooster)** each earned their third first-team recognition.

Wittenberg had four other players repeat on the first team: Senior lineman **Matt Leisure (Canton, OH/McKinley)**, junior linebacker **Andy Pope (Hamilton, OH/Lakota East)**, and senior defensive backs **John Hauser (Columbus, OH/Bishop Hartley)** and **Jason Jackson (Columbus, OH/South)**.

Wabash, which tied for second, had two repeat first-team selections in quarterback **Jake Knott (Lafayette, IN/Jefferson)** and wideout **Kurt Casper (Greenwood, IN/Center Grove)**. Tight end **Ryan Short (Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian)** and linebacker **Nate Boulais (Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis)** moved up after earning second-team honors in 2000. Ohio Wesleyan, which tied with the Little Giants for second, placed three on the first team, led by senior running back **Matt Capone (Cleveland, OH/Padua)**, who makes his fourth appearance on the All-NCAC team and his second on the first team. He earned first-team honors in 1998. Senior lineman **Joe Kyte (Urbana, OH/Urbana)** and senior defensive back **Jason Martin (Columbus, OH/Westerville North)** both moved up after being named to the second team last year.

Oberlin senior linebacker **Sam Hobi (Ephraim, UT/Snow College)** was voted first team honors after earning honorable mention last season. He was the 2000 NCAC Newcomer of the Year. Hobi is the first Yeoman to earn first-team honors since wide receiver Craig Johnson was selected on in 1992.

The NCAC will announce the winners of its individual awards, including the Mike Gregory and Hank Critchfield Awards for Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

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2001 ALL-NCAC FOOTBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2001 season through balloting by the NCAC football coaches.

FIRST TEAM • OFFENSE

QB	Jake Knott*	Wabash	Jr.	6-2	180	Lafayette, IN/Jefferson
RB	Matt Capone%&!	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	5-11	200	Cleveland, OH/Padua
RB	Daniel Grove	Wittenberg	Jr.	5-8	195	Uhrichsville, OH/Claymont
WR	Mike Aljancic* @	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-0	175	Louisville, OH/Louisville
WR	Kurt Casper*	Wabash	Sr.	6-0	170	Greenwood, IN/Center Grove
TE	Ryan Short~	Wabash	Jr.	6-5	225	Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian
C	Adam McClain	Wittenberg	Jr.	6-0	255	Danville, IN/Danville Community
OL	Jamie Bopp	Wabash	Jr.	6-4	275	Fort Wayne, IN/R. Nelson Snider
OL	Matt Leisure %*	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-2	250	Canton, OH/McKinley
OL	Joe Kyte~	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	6-2	250	Urbana, OH/Urbana
OL	Chad Thompson	Wittenberg	So.	6-2	265	Fort Thomas, KY/Highlands

FIRST TEAM • DEFENSE

DL	Blair Hammer	Wabash	So.	6-2	245	Carmel, IN/Carmel
DL	Juan Howard @*	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-0	210	Wooster, OH/Wooster
DL	Tim Daoust~	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-1	215	Toledo, OH/Central Catholic
DL	Dave Pisanick	Allegheny	So.	6-2	205	Duncansville, PA/Holidaysburg
OLB	Sam Hobi<	Oberlin	Sr.	6-0	215	Ephraim, UT/Snow College
OLB	Andy Pope*	Wittenberg	Jr.	6-2	200	Hamilton, OH/Lakota East
ILB	Nate Boulais~	Wabash	Jr.	6-2	215	Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis
ILB	Ralph Tune	Allegheny	Sr.	5-9	205	Aliquippa, PA/Aliquippa
DB	Nick Hajjar~	Wooster	Jr.	5-9	185	Prospect, OH/Marion Pleasant
DB	John Hauser*	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-11	190	Columbus, OH/Bishop Hartley
DB	Jason Martin~^	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	5-10	170	Columbus, OH/Westerville North
DB	Jason Jackson*	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-11	175	Columbus, OH/South

FIRST TEAM • SPECIALISTS

K	Aaron Polack	Allegheny	So.	6-2	170	Medina, OH/Medina
P	Aaron Polack	Allegheny	So.	6-2	170	Medina, OH/Medina
RS	Brian Woods	Allegheny	So.	5-9	160	Pittsburgh, PA/Avonworth

SECOND TEAM • OFFENSE

QB	Greg Neuendorf<	Denison	Jr.	6-2	175	Sylvania, OH/Southview
RB	Chris Morris	Wabash	So.	5-10	200	Zionsville, IN/Zionsville
RB	Shane Ream* %	Allegheny	Sr.	6-1	220	Meadville, PA/Meadville
WR	Chris Cabot %~	Wooster	Sr.	5-11	185	West Lafayette, OH/Ridgewood
WR	Ricky Valenzuela	Oberlin	Jr.	6-2	185	Manteca, CA/Modesto
TE	Jared McNeilly* #	Allegheny	Sr.	6-4	230	Andover, OH/Pymatuning Valley
C	Jeff Hollway~	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	6-5	275	Lewis Center, OH/Suffield (CT) Acad.
OL	Grant Babb	Earlham	Sr.	6-0	265	Enon, OH/Greenon
OL	Todd Ison	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	6-2	280	Hudson, OH/Hudson
OL	Ted Petrosky	Allegheny	Sr.	6-2	230	Pittsburgh, PA/Plum
OL	Jon Spragg	Wooster	Jr.	6-3	310	Collins, OH/Western Reserve Academy

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SECOND TEAM • DEFENSE

DL	Tim Creahan	Allegheny	Sr.	6-3	230	Williamsville, NY/South
DL	Drew Fay<	Wooster	Jr.	6-3	265	Walnut Creek, CA/Northgate
DL	Mike Houck %<	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-0	240	Cincinnati, OH/Colerain
DL	Steve Schoenberger~	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	6-1	225	West Carrollton, OH/West Carrollton
OLB	Nic Black	Wittenberg	Jr.	5-11	200	Piqua, OH/Piqua
OLB	Josh Stanton	Wabash	Jr.	5-11	205	Mooresville, IN/Mooresville
ILB	J.P. McFelley	Allegheny	Jr.	6-0	210	Cranberry Township, PA/Seneca Valley
ILB	Robert Gunn #~	Earlham	Sr.	6-2	215	South Bend, IN/LaSalle
DB	Demar Jackson	Wooster	Sr.	5-11	175	Cadiz, OH/Cadiz
DB	Matt Komar	Allegheny	So.	5-11	160	Chesterland, OH/West Geauga
DB	Quammie Semper	Oberlin	So.	5-11	175	Houston, TX/Waltrip
DB	David Thompson ~	Earlham	Sr.	5-11	185	South Bend, IN/LaSalle

SECOND TEAM • SPECIALISTS

K	Brian Leach	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	5-11	205	Xenia, OH/Xenia
P	Bob Montag	Oberlin	Sr.	6-3	210	Johnstown, PA/Richland
RS	Matt Capone %&!	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	5-11	200	Cleveland, OH/Padua

HONORABLE MENTION • OFFENSE

QB	Greg Cornett	Wittenberg	Jr.	6-1	175	Franklin, OH/Franklin
QB	Bubba Smith	Allegheny	So.	6-0	165	Doylestown, OH/Chippewa
RB	Kris Giebel	Hiram	Sr.	5-7	190	Streetsboro, OH/Streetsboro
RB/P	Dan Ries	Earlham	Fr.	6-2	245	Doylestown, OH/Chippewa
RB	Darrian Story <	Earlham	Jr.	5-9	175	Kokomo, IN/Kokomo
WR	Scott Barker	Oberlin	Fr.	6-1	175	California City, CA/Mojave
WR	Joe Clinton ^	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	6-0	170	Farmington Hills, MI/Detroit Jesuit
WR	Brian Cromwell	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	6-0	170	Toledo, OH/St. Francis DeSales
WR	Ryan Hite	Denison	Jr.	6-1	180	Findlay, OH/Findlay
WR	Josh Jirgens	Denison	Jr.	5-8	145	Lakewood, OH/Lutheran West
WR	Milan Perazich	Kenyon	So.	5-10	160	Washington, DC/Sidwell Friends
WR	Andy Pillay <	Kenyon	Sr.	6-1	170	Potomac, MD/Landon
WR	Darryl Simmons	Wooster	Sr.	6-3	205	Reading, PA/Marietta (OH)
WR	Jon Turner	Allegheny	So.	6-0	170	Franklin, PA/Franklin Area
OL	Bucky Kramer	Wabash	Sr.	6-0	255	Monticello, IN/Twin Lakes
OL	Jeremiah Thompson	Kenyon	So.	6-1	305	Cleveland, OH/University

HONORABLE MENTION • DEFENSE

DL	Tony Fusaro	Allegheny	Jr.	6-1	230	Pittsburgh, PA/Fox Chapel
DL	Jesus Juarez	Oberlin	So.	5-10	265	Houston, TX/Reagan
DL	Jason Moore	Denison	Sr.	5-11	260	Cincinnati, OH/Anderson
DE	Ryan Cecchini	Hiram	Jr.	6-0	225	Avella, PA/Avella Area
DE	Allen D'Andrea	Wittenberg	Jr.	6-2	220	Naples, FL/Barron Collier
LB	Jeff Anderson	Wooster	Sr.	6-1	220	St. Charles, IL/St. Charles
LB	Tim Cline	Wooster	Fr.	6-2	210	Gambier, OH/Mt. Vernon
LB	Rodney Gunn	Earlham	Jr.	6-1	245	South Bend, IN/LaSalle
LB	Chad Marlatt %	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	6-8	185	Coshocton, OH/Ridgewood
DB	Artie Montes	Wabash	So.	5-8	160	Mission, TX/Mission
DB/RS	John Pascarella	Hiram	Jr.	6-0	175	Youngstown, OH/Ursuline
DB	Tim Salazar <	Oberlin	Sr.	5-7	170	Layton, UT/Snow College
S	Brad Taphorn	Wabash	Sr.	6-0	185	Indianapolis, IN/Cardinal Ritter

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