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**ALL-NCAC FOOTBALL SQUADS ANNOUNCED;
MURRAY, PYNENBERG TAKE TOP HONORS**

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CLEVELAND – Wittenberg senior **Tristan Murray (New Carlisle, OH/Tecumseh)** and Wabash junior **Adrian Pynenberg (Montgomery, IL/Oswego)** have been honored for outstanding seasons by being named North Coast Athletic Conference Players of the Year. Murray receives the Mike Gregory Award as the NCAC's Offensive Player of the Year. The award is presented by Richard Gregory of Columbus, in honor of his father, a multi-sport standout at Denison in the 1920s. Pynenberg, meanwhile, is the Defensive Player of the Year for the first time and receives the Hank Critchfield Award, commemorating the 1927 Wooster graduate.

Murray, a senior tailback, led the Tigers to a share of their eighth North Coast title and first since 2001. He led the conference in rushing with 137.9 yards per game, total touchdowns (20). In addition, Murray was second in scoring with 10.9 points per game and in all-purpose yardage with 167.6. Murray set a school record with nine straight 100-yard rushing games, and accumulated more than 4,000 rushing yards in his career. He is a three-time All-NCAC performer.

Pynenberg, a junior inside linebacker, dominated NCAC co-champion Little Giant opponents this season with 101 total tackles. He totaled 54 solos stops, 14 tackles for a loss of 73 yards, 7-1/2 sacks for a loss of 56, an interception and a pass broken up. Pynenberg, a two-time first-team performer, has led Wabash in tackles his entire career. With a season remaining, he has 283 career stops, and 154 of those are solo.

Wittenberg freshman quarterback **Aaron Huffman (Newark, OH/Newark)** is the North Coast's Newcomer of the Year. He guided the Tigers to their first NCAA tournament appearance since 2002, and a share of their eighth NCAC crown. Huffman threw for 1173 yards and 10 touchdowns as the only freshman starter at quarterback in the league.

Wittenberg's **Joe Fincham** has been named Coach of the Year for the fifth time after guiding his team to a share of its first North Coast crown in five years. The Tigers, who made their first NCAA tournament appearance since 2002, were a surprise team in 2006, as they were predicted to finish fourth in coach and media pre-seasons NCAC polls. Fincham is 100-23 (.813) in 11 seasons as a collegiate head coach, all at Wittenberg.

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2006 ALL-NCAC FOOTBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2006 season through balloting by the NCAC football coaches.

FIRST TEAM • OFFENSE

QB	Dustin Huff	Wabash	Sr.	6-0	219	Martinsville, IN/Martinsville
RB	Alby Coombs @+	Kenyon	Sr.	6-0	210	Boston, MA/Belmont Hill
RB	Tristan Murray*+	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-10	205	New Carlisle, OH/Tecumseh
WR	Joe White	Earlham	Jr.	6-5	190	Richmond, IN/Richmond
WR	Mike Russell	Wabash	Jr.	6-1	180	Terre Haute, IN/North
TE	Greg Peltz <	Wooster	Sr.	6-3	230	Amherst, OH/Steele
C	Tim Funke \$	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-2	255	Indianapolis, IN/Roncalli
OL	Rick Drushal #*+	Wooster	Jr.	6-3	295	Lakeville, OH/West Holmes
OL	Ted Londot +	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-5	290	Utica, OH/Utica
OL	Patrick Millikan @+	Wabash	Jr.	6-2	290	Newburgh, IN/Castle
OL	Will Certain \$	Wabash	Sr.	5-10	278	Prescott, AZ/Paradise Valley

FIRST TEAM • DEFENSE

DL	Frank Knez	Wabash	Sr.	6-2	204	Portage, IN/Portage
DL	Andy Mizak	Wooster	Sr.	6-2	235	Warren, MI/Paul K. Cousino
DL	Chris Pisani \$	Oberlin	Jr.	6-4	250	Oak Park, IL/Fenwick
DL	Evan Watson %+	Wooster	Sr.	6-3	230	Crawfordsville, IN/Crawfordsville
OLB	Owen Case \$	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	6-0	205	Marion, OH/River Valley
OLB	Andre Smith @<	Wooster	Sr.	5-11	220	Hendersonville, TN/Beech
ILB	Tyler Harmon ^%\$	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-0	215	Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian
ILB	Adrian Pynenberg +	Wabash	Jr.	5-10	213	Montgomery, IL/Oswego
DB	Curt Anderson	Allegheny	Jr.	6-0	190	Batavia, NY/Notre Dame
DB	Will Block \$	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-9	195	Troy, OH/Troy
DB	Chris Craig	Wooster	Sr.	6-1	210	Newark, OH/Johnstown-Monroe
DB	Jeff Geffert	Wooster	Jr.	6-1	185	Mentor, OH/Mentor

FIRST TEAM • SPECIALISTS

K	Josh Whiteside	Allegheny	Jr.	6-0	175	Pittsburgh, PA/Upper St. Clair
P	Jason Black @\$	Allegheny	Jr.	5-10	185	Warren, OH/Champion
RS	Nick Rice %<	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	5-11	195	Dublin, OH/Scioto

Mike Gregory Award (Offensive Player of the Year): Tristan Murray, Wittenberg

Hank Critchfield Award (Defensive Player of the Year): Adrian Pynenberg, Wabash

Newcomer of the Year: Aaron Huffman, Wittenberg

Coach of the Year: Joe Fincham, Wittenberg

Key: + 1st team 2005; \$ 2nd team 2005; < honorable mention 2005; * 1st team 2004; @ 2nd team 2004; % honorable mention 2004; # 2nd team 2003; ^ honorable mention 2003

SECOND TEAM • OFFENSE

QB	Justin Rummell **^	Earlham	Sr.	6-3	215	Ingalls, IN/Pendleton Hts.
RB	R. V. Carroll	Oberlin	So.	5-10	185	Perry, OH/Perry
RB	Mario Tarquinio @\$	Allegheny	Sr.	5-11	220	Charleroi, PA/Charleroi
WR	Chris Schubert \$	Oberlin	Jr.	5-10	180	Oberlin, OH/Oberlin
WR	Geoff Walker \$	Wabash	Sr.	5-11	179	Schererville, IN/Lake Central
TE	Terrance Raeford	Ohio Wesleyan	So.	6-2	215	Brookline, MA/Cheshire Academy
C	Dan Sommers	Wooster	Jr.	6-0	260	Slippery Rock, PA/Slippery Rock
OL	Yancy Edwards	Kenyon	So.	6-2	295	Newark, DE/Charter School
OL	Justin Victor <	Allegheny	Sr.	6-4	260	Pittsburgh, PA/Perry Traditional Academy
OL	Mark Mandich	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-6	290	Miami LAKes, FL/Dade Christian
OL	Ryan Lacy \$	Kenyon	Jr.	6-0	290	Port Orange, FL/Spruce Creek

SECOND TEAM • DEFENSE

DL	Brett Comstock	Denison	Sr.	6-1	235	Bloomsburg, PA/Central Columbia
DL	Anthony Davis	Wittenberg	So.	5-10	215	New Lexington, OH/Fisher Catholic
DL	Brandon French	Wooster	Sr.	6-1	250	Columbia Station, OH/Columbia
DL	Tom Glamuzina	Allegheny	Sr.	6-1	230	Williamsville, NY/St. Joseph's
OLB	Joe Swanson	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-11	225	Germantown, OH/Valley View
OLB	Greg Schermbeck	Wooster	Jr.	5-11	195	Toledo, OH/Whitmer
ILB	Mateo Villa	Allegheny	Jr.	6-2	230	Windsor, OH/Middlefield Cardinal
ILB	Phil Vitalbo	Wooster	Sr.	5-11	220	Monongahela, PA/Seton-LaSalle
DB	Adam Hewitt	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-10	200	Piqua, OH/Lehman Catholic
DB	Chase Palmer	Oberlin	Jr.	6-3	210	Highland, UT/Lone Peak
DB	Kyle Sherman **+	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	6-2	200	Plain City, OH/Dublin Scioto
DB	Richard Roomes	Wabash	Jr.	6-0	203	South Bend, IN/Clay

SECOND TEAM • SPECIALISTS

P	Gary Sheplav	Hiram	Jr.	5-10	170	Willowick, OH/Eastlake North
RS	Keith Adams	Wooster	Jr.	5-10	180	Mogadore, OH/Field
RS	Chris Schubert @\$	Oberlin	Jr.	5-10	180	Oberlin, OH/Oberlin
K	Chad Finley	Wabash	Jr.	5-11	200	Alvin, IL/Bismarck-Henning

HONORABLE MENTION • OFFENSE

QB	Jim Savage	Allegheny	Sr.	6-2	205	North Canton, OH/Hoover
QB	Justin Schafer @^	Wooster	Sr.	6-4	230	Bethesda, OH/Union Local
QB	Steve Hymes	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	5-10	180	Barberton, OH/Massillon Washington
RB	Andy Vanover <	Wittenberg	Jr.	6-2	215	Tipp City, OH/Tippecanoe
RB	Manny Myers <	Earlham	So.	5-6	160	Fairmount, IN/Madison-Grant
RB	Fred Lee \$	Denison	Sr.	6-0	231	St. Louis, MO/MICDS
RB	Dustin Sheppard	Wooster	So.	5-10	205	Johnstown, OH/Johnstown-Monroe
WR	Dallas Robinson	Allegheny	Sr.	6-2	180	Wooster, OH/Northwestern
WR	Jim Lieb <	Allegheny	Jr.	5-9	165	Carrolltown, PA/Northern Cambria
WR	Greg Kibler	Hiram	Sr.	5-10	165	Warrensville Hts., OH/Warrensville Hts.
WR	Carlin Shoemaker %	Kenyon	Jr.	5-9	185	Graham, WA/Bethel
WR	Cassius Harris	Oberlin	Jr.	6-1	190	Chicago, IL/Loyola Academy
WR	Chris Owens	Earlham	So.	5-9	155	Ft. Thomas, KY/Highlands
SE	Zac Dennis	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	6-1	180	Jefferson, OH/Jefferson
TE	Harry von Kann	Kenyon	Fr.	6-2	210	Washington, DC/Wilson ISP
TE	Tim Schirack	Wabash	Sr.	6-1	226	West Lafayette, IN/Harrison
OL	Juan Hernandez <	Earlham	So.	6-0	250	Kendallville, IN/East Noble
OL	Pat Downs <	Denison	Sr.	5-11	265	San Rafael, CA/St. Ignatius
OL	Mark Miller	Oberlin	Jr.	6-6	300	Sandusky, OH/Sandusky
OL	Scott Pycraft	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	6-1	295	Wooster, OH/Wooster
OL	Brian Hilts	Wabash	Jr.	6-6	275	Ft. Wayne, IN/Bishop Dwenger

HONORABLE MENTION • DEFENSE

DL	Humphrey Caswell	Hiram	Fr.	6-0	265	Cleveland, OH/Charles F. Brush
DL	T.J. Schaffer <	Wabash	Sr.	6-2	256	Odon, IN/North Daviess
DL	Lance Phillips	Wittenberg	So.	6-1	240	Wellston, OH/Wellston
DL	Brandon Mock \$	Earlham	Sr.	6-2	225	Winchester, IN/Winchester
LB	Torri Zaniol	Denison	Sr.	6-1	222	St. Petersburg, FL/Seminole
LB	Tom Canitia	Hiram	Jr.	6-0	220	Chagrin Falls, OH/St. Peter Chanel
LB	LaKristopher DeVant	Oberlin	So.	6-3	200	Cincinnati, OH/Roger Bacon
DB	Justin Morgan	Kenyon	Fr.	5-9	190	Glenn Date, MD/Charles H. Flowers
DB	Mitch Fonseca +	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-9	190	Miami, FL/Christopher Columbus
DB	Josh Feesler	Wooster	Sr.	5-11	185	Canal Fulton, OH/Manchester