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NCAC Men's Basketball Special
ALL-NCAC BASKETBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED;
COOPER NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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CLEVELAND -- Wooster sophomore guard **James Cooper (Springfield, OH/Springfield South)** has been named Player of the Year to highlight the 2006 All-North Coast Athletic Conference men's basketball squad, announced today after voting by the conference's head coaches.

Cooper is the only newcomer to the first team this season, indicative of the outstanding season he had leading the Fighting Scots to their second straight North Coast title. The 6-0 sophomore made the most of his opportunity to join the starting lineup of an experienced Scot squad. He led the conference in scoring (19.4 points per game), and finished third in free-throw shooting (.806). He was twice named NCAC Player of the week, and had 37 points against Ohio Wesleyan on Jan. 21,

The other four selected to the top squad are all repeat first-team honorees. Scot senior forward **Tom Port (Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake)**, Earlham senior forward **Brandon Miller (Richmond, IN/Richmond)**, Ohio Wesleyan junior **Ben Chojnacki (Medina, OH/Medina)** and Wittenberg senior **Daniel Russ (Louisville, KY/Trinity)** all make their second appearance on the first team.

Wooster freshman **Brandon Johnson (Columbus, OH/Groveport Madison)** was voted Newcomer of the Year after he was the top player off the bench for the NCAC Champion Scots. He averaged 9.6 points per game and 2.8 rebounds per game in 28 appearances this season.

Ohio Wesleyan head coach **Mike DeWitt** was voted Coach of the Year for the first time. He guided his squad to a third-place finish in the regular-season, up from sixth last season. He just completed his seventh season at Ohio Wesleyan and has posted an 89-95 mark in that span, including a 19-8 mark in the 2003-04 campaign. In 12 years as a collegiate head coach, DeWitt has gone 144-190.

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2006 ALL-NCAC MEN'S BASKETBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2005-06 season through balloting by the NCAC men's basketball coaches.

First Team	School	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown/High School
Ben Chojnacki @	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	F	6-4	12.8	5.7	1.9	Medina, OH/Medina
James Cooper	Wooster	So.	G	6-0	19.4	2.1	2.5	Springfield, OH/South
Brandon Miller @	Earlham	Sr.	F	6-6	16.5	8.7	2.6	Richmond, IN/Richmond
Tom Port #@	Wooster	Sr.	F	6-5	15.4	6.0	2.8	Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake
Daniel Russ #@	Wittenberg	Sr.	W	6-9	15.6	6.0	1.9	Louisville, KY/Trinity

Player of the Year: James Cooper, Wooster
Newcomer of the Year: Brandon Johnson, Wooster
Coach of the Year: Mike DeWitt, Ohio Wesleyan

Second Team	School	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown/High School
Dane Borchers +	Wittenberg	Sr.	F	6-8	13.2	7.7	1.1	Russia, OH/Russia
LaRon Henry	Earlham	Jr.	F	6-0	16.1	2.9	0.8	Indianapolis, IN/Scecina
Dan Hodgkinson #@	Denison	Jr.	F/C	6-6	18.1	6.6	1.0	Lake Forest, IL/Lake Forest
Tim Vandervaart ~	Wooster	So.	F	6-6	14.6	8.7	2.8	North Canton, OH/Hoover
Andy Warnock	O. Wesleyan	Sr.	W	6-3	11.2	3.0	1.1	Delaware, OH/Hayes
Kyle Witucky %@	Wooster	Sr.	G	6-0	9.1	2.8	3.9	Zanesville, OH/Zanesville

Honorable Mention	School	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown/High School
Kenny Brady	Wittenberg	Sr.	W	6-4	10.7	4.5	1.8	Reading, OH/Reading
Matt Formato *+	Kenyon	Jr.	G	6-1	15.2	4.0	1.7	Downers Grove, IL/North
Markous Jewett	Earlham	Jr.	F	6-6	14.2	4.8	1.5	Richmond, IN/Richmond
Casey McCloskey	Allegheny	Jr.	G	6-1	14.2	3.2	4.2	Erie, PA/Cathedral Prep
Kyle Medeiros	Wabash	Sr.	G	6-0	11.5	2.7	1.9	Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis
Quinton Spencer ~	Oberlin	So.	G/F	6-1	15.8	9.2	2.8	Chicago, IL/Brother Rice
T.C. Spencer	Hiram	Sr.	C	6-5	12.6	5.6	0.6	Yorkville, OH/Tri-State Christian

Key: @1st team 2005; +2nd team 2005; ~honorable mention 2005;
 *1st team 2004; #2nd team 2004 %honorable mention 2004

[statistics through NCAC Tournament]