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**ALL-NCAC MEN'S LACROSSE SQUAD ANNOUNCED;  
DENISON'S BARUCH NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

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**CLEVELAND** -- Denison senior **Alex Baruch (Richmond, VA/St. Christopher's)** has been named Player of the Year to highlight the 2008 All-North Coast Athletic Conference men's lacrosse selections.

Baruch, a four-time all-NCAC goalkeeper, makes his second appearance on the first team. He was named to the second team in 2007 and 2005, and was a first team member in 2006. This spring, Baruch led the North Coast in goals-against average (5.50) and saves percentage (.697) and was second in saves per game (10.62) for the NCAC champion Big Red.

Denison sophomore **Brady Burton (Dublin, OH/Jerome)** and senior **Taylor Nissi (Groton, MA/Holderness)**, as well as Ohio Wesleyan senior **Chris Eccles (Secane, PA/Monsignor Bonner)**, are repeat first-team selections. Nissi and Eccles make their third straight appearances on the top squad. Kenyon junior **Devin Caitlin (Charlottesville, VA/Western Albemarle)** and Denison senior **Rick Mackessy (Hudson, OH/Hudson)** each move up to the first team after earning second-team honors in 2007. Lord senior **Nate Pritchard (Narberth, PA/Lower Merion)** was voted to the first team after two appearances on the honorable mention squad (2007, 2006).

Denison freshman attacker **Emmett Jones (Colorado Springs, CO/AirAcademy)** was named the league's Newcomer of the Year in balloting by the coaches after the attacker scored 38 goals with a 2.12 scoring average. He is one of two freshman on the 2008 All-NCAC team.

Oberlin senior goalkeeper **Drew Zambelli (Eastchester, NY/Fieldston School)** was named the inaugural NCAC Men's Lacrosse Sportsman of the Year as a player under adversity or one who made choices on the field in conference games that coaches would want all players to follow as an example. Coaches selected Zambelli as a player who was positive and tried to bring out the best in his teammates.

Denison's **Matt McGinnis** earned Coach of the Year honors for the first time after guiding the Big Red to a 13-3 record and the NCAC crown, as well as a bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. In three seasons at the helm, McGinnis has posted a 34-13 (.723) record.

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## 2008 ALL-NCAC -- MEN'S LACROSSE

**CLEVELAND** -- The following performers have earned All-NCAC honors for the 2008 season through balloting by the North Coast Athletic Conference men's lacrosse coaches.

### FIRST TEAM

<b>Attack</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>PPG</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
Brady Burton +	Denison	So.	52	6	3.41	Dublin, OH/Jerome
Devin Caitlin #^	Kenyon	Jr.	29	37	4.71	Charlottesville, VA/Western Albemarle
Nick Gallagher %	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	42	19	3.59	Columbus, OH/Dublin Scioto
<b>Midfield</b>						
Chris Eccles \$*+	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	18	23	2.41	Secane, PA/Monsignor Bonner
Dan Maude %+	Denison	Jr.	32	17	2.88	Wayne, PA/The Haverford School
Rick Mackessy ^	Denison	Sr.	29	37	4.13	Hudson, OH/Hudson
Nate Pritchard % ♦	Kenyon	Sr.	17	16	2.54	Narberth, PA/Lower Merion
<b>Defense</b>						
Jim Minor	Denison	Jr.	1	1	0.12	Washington, PA/Trinity
Tony Alexander	Kenyon	Jr.	0	1	0.07	West Falls, NY/East Aurora
Brian Test	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	1	0	0.06	Alexandria, VA/Gonzaga, DC
<b>Long Stick</b>						
Taylor Nissi *+	Denison	Sr.	3	1	0.24	Groton, MA/Holderness
<b>Specialty</b>						
Conner Detjen	Denison	So.	4	3	0.41	Winnetka, IL/Loyola Academy
<b>Goalie</b>						
Alex Baruch @#^	Denison	Sr.	<b>GA</b> 74	<b>SV</b> 170	<b>SV%</b> .697	Richmond, VA/St. Christopher's

**Player of the Year:** Alex Baruch, Denison

**Newcomer of the Year:** Emmett Jones, Denison

**Sportsman of the Year:** Drew Zambelli, Oberlin

**Coach of the Year:** Matt McGinnis, Denison

### SECOND TEAM

<b>Attack</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>PPG</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
Mark Weschler # ♦	Wooster	Jr.	35	15	3.57	Silver Spring, MD/Our Lady of Good Counsel
Rob Young	Ohio Wesleyan	So.	34	11	2.65	Langhorne, PA/Council Rock South
Nate Hall	Denison	Jr.	13	23	2.12	Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington
<b>Midfield</b>						
Steve Fowler	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	20	9	1.81	Wilton, CT/Wilton
Jeff Capella ^	Wittenberg	So.	25	14	3.25	Columbus, OH/Worthington Kilbourne
Pat Coyne ♦	Wooster	So.	17	18	2.50	Chatham, NJ/Chatham
<b>Defense</b>						
Dave Harmon ♦	Denison	Sr.	0	0	0.00	Hudson, OH/Western Reserve Academy
Chris Gaines	Denison	Sr.	0	0	0.00	Upper Arlington, OH/St. Charles Prep
Bob Dignazio ^	Kenyon	Sr.	1	0	0.07	Wallingford, PA/Strath Haven
Ryan Story	Wooster	So.	0	0	0.00	Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon
<b>Long Stick</b>						
Fred Kridler #	Kenyon	Sr.	3	1	0.29	Columbus, OH/Trinity-Pawling
<b>Specialty</b>						
Craig Aronoff +	Ohio Wesleyan	So.	10	1	0.65	Potomac, MD/The Bullis School
L.J. Hackett	Denison	Sr.	2	1	0.19	Columbus, OH/Worthington Kilbourne
<b>Goalie</b>						
David Page ♦	Kenyon	Jr.	<b>GA</b> 103	<b>SV</b> 131	<b>SV%</b> .560	West Chester, PA/St. Andrew's, DE

**Key:** + 1st team 2007; ^ 2nd team 2007; ♦ honorable mention 2007; \* 1st team 2006; # 2nd team 2006; % honorable mention 2006; @1st team 2005; \$ honorable mention 2005

## HONORABLE MENTION

<b>Attack</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>PPG</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
Emmett Jones	Denison	Fr.	38	8	2.12	Colorado Springs, CO/Air Academy
Noah Flessel	Kenyon	Sr.	31	6	2.64	Berkeley, CA/Berkeley
Harrison Iuliano	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	25	24	2.88	Mendham, NJ/Blair Academy
<b>Midfield</b>						
Jesse Kane	Oberlin	Jr.	14	11	2.27	Roslyn Hts., NY/Waldorf School
Mitch Cohagan	Wittenberg	Fr.	22	12	2.83	Pickerington, OH/North
Ben Alexander	Kenyon	Jr.	15	5	1.43	West Falls, NY/East Aurora
Nick Jacobs	Denison	Jr.	10	2	0.71	Wilmington, DE/Tower Hill
<b>Defense</b>						
Matt Frizzo ♦	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	0	0	0.00	Birmingham, MI/Brother Rice
Steve Koppenhafer	Wittenberg	Jr.	0	2	0.20	Cincinnati, OH/Sycamore
<b>Long Stick</b>						
Andres McAlister ^	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	0	2	0.12	Washington, DC/Gonzaga
<b>Goalie</b>						
Matt Biester %	Wooster	Sr.	<b>GA</b> 79	<b>SV</b> 108	<b>SV%</b> .578	Wallingford, PA/Strath Haven

**Key:** + 1st team 2007; ^ 2nd team 2007; ♦ honorable mention 2007; \* 1st team 2006; # 2nd team 2006; % honorable mention 2006; @1st team 2005; \$ honorable mention 2005