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NCAC Basketball Special

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**WOOSTER MEN, OHIO WESLEYAN WOMEN FAVORED
AS NCAC PREPS FOR 17TH BASKETBALL CAMPAIGN**

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DUBLIN, Ohio -- Wooster's men and Ohio Wesleyan's women were tabbed as the favorites in voting by coaches and media at the North Coast Athletic Conference's 17th annual Basketball Media Luncheon, which was held today at the Wyndham Dublin Hotel.

Wooster dominated the men's balloting with 27 first-place votes, 20 of 21 from the media and seven of 10 from the coaches. Wittenberg was second in both polls, receiving one first-place nod from the media and three from NCAC coaches. The Scots return six letterwinners and three starters from last year's 26-3 squad which advanced to the NCAA Division III "Sweet 16" and earned NCAC regular season and tournament titles.

Ohio Wesleyan swept first-place votes in both the media and coaches polls to outdistance Denison and Wittenberg in the women's polls. The coaches predicted the Big Red would finish second, while the media tabbed the Tigers for the same spot. Ohio Wesleyan, who have claimed four North Coast titles, return four starters and 11 letterwinners from a team that went 23-3 a year ago.

The 2000-01 season opens on Friday, Nov. 17. The NCAC Tournament will be held over the final week of February, with the men's and women's semifinals and finals at the site of the respective high seeds on Feb. 23-24.

Women's Poll (Media)

1. Ohio Wesleyan (16) .. 144
2. Wittenberg 113
3. Denison 106
4. Kenyon 85
5. Oberlin 74
6. Allegheny 65
7. Wooster 59
8. Earlham 56
9. Hiram 18

Women's Poll (Coaches)

1. Ohio Wesleyan (9) 81
2. Denison 67
3. Wittenberg 63
4. Allegheny 42
- Kenyon 42
6. Oberlin 40
7. Wooster 30
8. Earlham 28
9. Hiram 12

Men's Poll (Media)

1. Wooster (18) 209
2. Wittenberg (2)..... 185
3. Earlham 155
4. Allegheny 130
5. Wabash 115
6. Ohio Wesleyan 80
7. Kenyon..... 74
8. Hiram 65
9. Denison 53
10. Oberlin..... 26

Men's Poll (Coaches)

1. Wooster (7) 97
2. Wittenberg (3)..... 92
3. Earlham 75
4. Allegheny 70
5. Wabash 62
6. Ohio Wesleyan 40
7. Hiram 37
8. Kenyon..... 36
9. Denison 23
10. Oberlin 18