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NCAC Men's Indoor Track & Field Championships

For Immediate Release

**OHIO WESLEYAN CLAIMS SIXTH NORTH COAST CROWN;
NEELEY TURNS IN FOURTH FIELD MVP PERFORMANCE**

March 4, 2002

GRANVILLE, Ohio -- Ohio Wesleyan won six events and posted four other top-three finishes on the way to the team title at the 2002 North Coast Athletic Conference Men's Indoor Track & Field Championships, which were held March 1-2 at Denison's Mitchell Recreation and Athletics Center. The Bishops, who won last winter's meet, also earned NCAC crowns in 1989, 1990, 1999 and 2000.

Ohio Wesleyan totaled 123 points in claiming their crown. Wittenberg compiled 88 points to place second, followed by Allegheny (76.5) in third. Kenyon and Wabash (72) tied for fourth. Denison (65), Wooster (57.5), Oberlin (38), Hiram (23) and Earlham (9) round out the standings in positions six through nine.

Three individuals won events for Ohio Wesleyan, including senior **Craig Neeley (Columbus, OH/Bexley)**, who earned Most Valuable Performer honors in field events for the fourth straight year. Neeley won the high jump (6-8 1/4), long jump (22-4) and triple jump (47-4 3/4) for the second consecutive year. His marks in the triple and high jumps both met NCAA provisional qualifying standards. Neeley's triple jump effort broke his own conference meet record. The Bishops' remaining wins came from senior **Clemon Choice (Dayton, OH/Belmont)**, who won the 55 meters (6.49) for the third time, and junior **Dan Bowens (Montclair, NJ/Montclair)**, who won the 800 meters (1:54.91) in conference record time.

Wabash senior **Darren Green (Dallas, TX/S. Texas HSI for Health Professions)** was voted outstanding sprints/hurdles Runner of the Year after he won the 400 meters (51.28). Kenyon senior **Cary Snyder (Charlotte, NC/Northern Valley, NJ)** was the middle distance/distance MVP after he won the won the 5000 meters (15:00.24) and 1500 meters (3:58.52), both in meet record time.

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Team	Points
1. Ohio Wesleyan University	123
2. Wittenberg University	88
3. Allegheny College	76.5
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Wabash College	72
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7. College of Wooster	57.5
8. Oberlin College	38
9. Hiram College	23
10. Earlham College	9

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Friday-Saturday, March 1-2 -- Granville, Ohio**

LONG JUMP

22'4" Craig Neeley, OWU
21'4 -/4" James Williams, WOO
21' 0-1/4" Greg Wells, OBE

SHOT PUT

47' 3-1/2" Keith Vance, WOO
47' 0-3/4" Joel Drake, WIT
44' 6-1/2" Steve Schoenberer, OWU

HIGH JUMP

6' 8-1/4" # Craig Neeley, OWU
6' 8-1/4" # Jeremy Scott, ALL
6' 4-3/4" Seth Rhea, OWU

TRIPLE JUMP

47'4-3/4" NM# Craig Neeley, OWU
44' 3-1/4" Andy Stromwall, DEN
43' 7-1/4" Peter DeYoung, WAB

POLE VAULT

17'2-1/4" NM## Jeremy Scott, ALL
13'1-3/4" Brian Gehle, WIT
12'10" Andy Stromwall, DEN

5000-METER RUN

15:00.24 N Cary Snyder, KEN
15:00.88 Michael Baird, KEN
15:27.62 Ben Hildebrand, KEN

800-METER RELAY

1:32.66 OHIO WESLEYAN
[Clinton-Choice-Vendlinski-Efinger]
1:33.42 WABASH
1:33.47 ALLEGHENY

1500-METER RUN

3:58.52 N Cary Snyder, KEN
4:04.02 Aaron Emig, KEN
4:05.17 Don Beesing, HIR

MVP TRACK (SPRINTS/HURDLES)

Darren Green, Wabash

MVP TRACK (MID DISTANCE/DISTANCE)

Cary Snyder, Kenyon

MVP FIELD

Craig Neeley, Ohio Wesleyan

COACH OF THE YEAR

Fred Barends, Ohio Wesleyan

Key:

M Mitchell Field House record
N NCAC Record
NCAA Provisional Qualifier
NCAA Automatic Qualifier

55-METER HURDLES

7.80 # Skip Ivery, WIT
7.96 Bruce Kinsel, OWU
8.07 Ryan Barnes, ALL

400-METER RUN

51.28 Darren Green, WAB
51.42 Bret Peterson, OBE
51.45 Andre Street, OBE

55-METER DASH

6.49 # Clemon Choice, OWU
6.65 Joe Rumschlag, WIT
6.67 Nahum Kisner, WOO
6.67 Joe Yarkovich, ALL

800-METER RUN

1:54.91 N # Dan Bowens, OWU
1:56.98 Tyler Pensyl, DEN
1:58.67 Tyler Walker, DEN

200-METER DASH

22.66 Darren Green, WAB
23.15 Joe Rumschlag, WIT
23.29 Joe Clinton, OWU

3000-METER RUN

8:38.46 N Michael Baird, KEN
8:47.43 Jared Smit, WAB
8:53.39 Andrew Sisson, WAB

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY

10:32.44 N WOOSTER
[McDaniel-Duche-Trent-Callahan]
10:41.02 KENYON
10:52.43 ALLEGHENY

1600-METER RELAY

3:27.37 OBERLIN
[Lane-Peterson-McGinnis-Street]
3:30.19 WITTENBERG
3:30.62 DENISON

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