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**NCAC Baseball Special**  
**OHIO WESLEYAN AND WOOSTER PRESEASON FAVORITES**  
**IN 18TH NORTH COAST BASEBALL SEASON**

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**CLEVELAND, Ohio** -- Defending champion Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster emerged as the preseason favorites in balloting by North Coast Athletic Conference baseball coaches in their first-ever preseason poll.

The Bishops, who rolled to a 10-2 conference record and earned their second straight NCAC championship last spring, earned three first-place votes from league coaches for 91 points. Wooster, who finished 2001 tied for third in the standings, picked up five first-place votes and also totalled 91 points from the coaches. Allegheny, last year's league runner-up, was picked third (87), while Wittenberg (68) and Denison (56) were tabbed fourth and fifth, respectively.

Ohio Wesleyan is 508-214-7 (.702) during the 19-year tenure of head coach **Roger Ingles**. The Bishops return 17 letterwinners and nine starters (four position players/five pitchers) from last year's squad, including 2000 NCAC Player of the Year, senior first baseman **Drew Caravella (Columbus, OH/Hilliard Davidson)** and '00 Newcomer of the Year, junior outfielder/pitcher **Joe Loudenslager (Hilliard, OH/Darby)**.

Wooster is 617-256-6 (.705) during the 20-year tenure of head coach **Tim Pettorini**. The Scots return 21 letterwinners and 11 starters (seven position players/four pitchers) from last year's squad, including 2001 North Coast Pitcher of the Year, senior **Matt Englander (Solon, OH/Solon)** and three-time All-NCAC first-team pitcher **John Werner (Pittsburgh, PA/Northgate)**.

Founded in 1983, the North Coast Athletic Conference consists of 10 academically selective colleges and universities - Allegheny College, Denison University, Earlham College, Hiram College, Kenyon College, Oberlin College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Wabash College, Wittenberg University and the College of Wooster. The NCAC sponsors 22 championship sports, 11 for men and 11 for women.

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**2002 NCAC Preseason Baseball Poll**

First-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points:

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| 1. Wooster (5) .....    | 91 |
| Ohio Wesleyan (3) ..... | 91 |
| 3. Allegheny (2) .....  | 87 |
| 4. Wittenberg .....     | 68 |
| 5. Denison .....        | 56 |
| 6. Wabash .....         | 50 |
| 7. Hiram .....          | 44 |
| 8. Kenyon .....         | 29 |
| 9. Earlham .....        | 23 |
| 10. Oberlin .....       | 11 |