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NCAC Women's Soccer Special

OHIO WESLEYAN, DENISON RECEIVE

NCAA TOURNEY BIDS; BIG RED OPENS PLAY WEDNESDAY

For Immediate Release

October 29, 2001

CLEVELAND -- North Coast Athletic Conference women's soccer champion Ohio Wesleyan (17-1-0) and runner-up Denison (14-4-0) have received bids to the 45-team NCAA Division III Tournament. The Bishops received a first-round bye and will begin play in the regionals on Saturday. Ohio Wesleyan will serve as the host site for the Great Lakes Regional and will face the winner of Wednesday night's contest between DePauw (12-3) and John Carroll (11-6-1). Also on Wednesday, Denison will host Mt. St. Joseph (12-4-2) in a first round matchup. The winner advances to face Albion (19-0) on Saturday.

Ohio Wesleyan is making its sixth NCAA appearance, and reached the national quarterfinals last fall. The Bishops were selected to the NCAA tourney in 1991, 1992, 1998, 1999 and 2000 and were 4-5 in those events. The Bishops are led by senior forward **Katy Sturtz (Worthington, OH/Watterson)**, who is the North Coast's second leading scorer with 15 goals and three assists in 17 games. Junior goalkeeper **Mindy Hammond (Columbus, OH/Dessales)** tops the NCAC in goals-against average at 0.33.

Denison is making its seventh NCAA Tournament appearance, and reached the regional semifinals last fall. The Big Red compiled a 4-6 record in the 1992, 1993, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 events. Senior forward **Megan Trau (Cincinnati, OH/Lakota East)** is the team's leading scorer with 12 goals and two assists in 17 games.

The NCAC has had at least one team in the NCAA Tournament field in eight of the past 11 seasons, highlighted by a three-team contingent (Denison, Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster) in 1992.

Complete NCAA Tournament information can be found online at: www.ncaasoccer.net

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NCAC Field Hockey Special

WOOSTER EARNS SIXTH NCAA TOURNEY BID

FIGHTING SCOTS FACE WILLIAM SMITH ON SATURDAY

For Immediate Release

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CLEVELAND -- North Coast Athletic Conference field hockey champion Wooster (16-3) has earned a berth in the 18-team NCAA Division III Tournament for the sixth time and the first since 1996. The Fighting Scots received a first-round bye and will begin play in the second round on Saturday at William Smith (13-3) at 11:00 a.m. The winner will face either Mount Holyoke (16-5) or Skidmore (13-2) at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Wooster earned its second NCAC championship during the regular season - its first since 1986. The Scots have the conference's third and fourth-leading scorers in seniors **Emily White (Princeton, WV/Western Reserve)** and **Miriam Esber (Oxford, OH/Talawanda)**. White, a forward, recorded 10 goals and nine assists in 18 games this fall, while Esber, a midfielder, tallied 11 goals and five assists in 19 appearances.

Wooster, 1-5 in its five previous NCAA Tournament appearances (1983-84-85-86-96), advanced to the second round in 1985 with a 1-0, triple-overtime game that was won on penalty strokes. The North Coast has had at least one team in the NCAA field in each of its 18 seasons of competition.

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