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NCAC Men's Soccer Special

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**OHIO WESLEYAN UNANIMOUS PICK AS PRESEASON FAVORITE
IN 18TH NORTH COAST MEN'S SOCCER SEASON**

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CLEVELAND, Ohio -- Defending champion Ohio Wesleyan University emerged as the unanimous preseason favorite in balloting by North Coast Athletic Conference men's soccer coaches in their first-ever preseason poll.

The Bishops, who rolled to a 9-0 conference record, earned their third consecutive NCAC championship and won the inaugural league tournament last fall, earned all 10 first-place votes from league coaches for a perfect 100 points. Allegheny, behind first-year head coach **Angelo Panzetta**, was picked second while Denison and Earlham were tabbed third and fourth, respectively. Wooster rounds out the top five.

Ohio Wesleyan is 410-81-31 (.815) during the 24-year tenure of head coach **Jay Martin**. The Bishops return 18 letterwinners and seven starters from last year's squad, including 2000 NCAC Player of the Year, **Phillip Hoffman (Kettering, OH/Alter)** and '00 NCAC Newcomer of the Year **Ryan Miller (Delaware, OH/Hayes)**.

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.

2001 NCAC Preseason Men's Soccer Poll

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

- 1. Ohio Wesleyan (10) 100
- 2. Allegheny 85
- 3. Denison 77
- 4. Earlham 71
- 5. Wooster 57
- 6. Wittenberg 56
- 7. Kenyon 31
- 8. Oberlin 28
- 9. Hiram 27
- 10. Wabash 18