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**NCAC Men's Soccer Special**

**For Immediate Release**

**OHIO WESLEYAN TABBED PRESEASON FAVORITE FOR  
21ST NORTH COAST MEN'S SOCCER SEASON**

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**CLEVELAND, Ohio** -- Ohio Wesleyan University, last fall's NCAC tournament champion, emerged as the preseason favorite in balloting by North Coast Athletic Conference men's soccer coaches conducted via email.

The Bishops, who won their fourth straight league tournament last fall, earned six first-place votes from league coaches for 94 points. Denison and Wooster, last year's regular-season co-champions, tied for second in the balloting with 84 points. The Scots picked up three first-place votes while the Big Red received the remaining one. Allegheny was selected to finish fourth with 77 points, followed by Wittenberg with 59 points.

Ohio Wesleyan is 464-95-34 (.811) during the 27-year tenure of head coach **Jay Martin**. The Bishops expect to return 20 letterwinners and seven starters from last year's squad, which reached the NCAA Division III tournament for a Division record 27th time, and finished with a 17-4-1 mark.

The North Coast Athletic Conference enters its third decade of competition in 2004-05. Founded in 1983, the NCAC 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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**2004 NCAC Men's Soccer Poll**

North Coast Athletic Conference 2004 preseason field hockey poll (first-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points):

- 1. Ohio Wesleyan (6)..... 94
- 2. Wooster (3) ..... 84  
    Denison (1)..... 84
- 4. Allegheny..... 77
- 5. Wittenberg..... 59
- 6. Oberlin..... 49
- 7. Wabash..... 37
- 8. Kenyon ..... 31
- 9. Earlham..... 25
- 10. Hiram..... 10