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**NCAC Field Hockey Special**

**WITTENBERG PICKED AS PRESEASON FAVORITE AS  
22ND NORTH COAST FIELD HOCKEY START NEARS**

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**CLEVELAND, Ohio** -- Three-time defending regular season and NCAC tournament champion Wittenberg has emerged as the favorite in preseason balloting by NCAC field hockey coaches.

The Tigers paced all teams in the poll with four of seven first-place votes for 44 points to edge Wooster, which totalled 37 points. Denison finished third with 34 points and one first-place vote, followed by Oberlin with 28 points and the final two first-place votes. Kenyon was right behind in fifth with 27 points.

In the past three seasons, the Tigers have gone 45-16 (73.7) and welcome a new head coach for the second straight campaign. First-year mentor **Diana Kuser** has plenty to work with as 12 letterwinners return, including five starters,

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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**2005 NCAC Preseason Field Hockey Poll**

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

- 1. Wittenberg (4) ..... 44
- 2. Wooster ..... 37
- 3. Denison (1) ..... 34
- 4. Oberlin (2) ..... 28
- 5. Kenyon ..... 27
- 6. Ohio Wesleyan ..... 15
- 7. Earlham ..... 11