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NCAC Men's Lacrosse Special

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**OHIO WESLEYAN TABBED PRESEASON FAVORITE IN 22ND
NORTH COAST MEN'S LACROSSE SEASON**

CLEVELAND, Ohio -- Defending North Coast Athletic Conference champion Ohio Wesleyan emerged as the preseason favorite in balloting by NCAC men's lacrosse coaches in their annual preseason poll.

The Battling Bishops, who posted a 5-0 league mark and a 10-3 overall record last spring, earned four of six available first-place votes from league coaches to total 34 points. Denison, last year's runner up, finished second with 30 points and one first-place vote. Wooster (67), the third place squad in '05, was picked to finish in that spot again this year and claimed the remaining first-place vote. Kenyon (16), Wittenberg (12) and Oberlin (8) fill places four through six, respectively.

Ohio Wesleyan, ranked 11th in the first lax.com Division III rankings of 2006, is 60-25 (.694) with five NCAC titles during the six-year tenure of head coach **Sean Ryan**. Leading the Bishop attack is senior **Jarred Law (Littleton, CO/Arapahoe)** and junior **Brian McCommons (Smryna, DE/Dover)**. The duo combined for 64 points last season. Sophomore midfielder **Chris Eccles (Secane, PA/Monsignor Bonner)** returns after earning NCAC Newcomer of the Year honors last season.

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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2006 NCAC Preseason Men's Lacrosse Poll

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

- 1. Ohio Wesleyan (4).....34
- 2. Denison (1)30
- 3. Wooster (1).....26
- 4. Kenyon 16
- 5. Wittenberg 12
- 6. Oberlin.....8