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NCAC Men's Lacrosse Special

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**DENISON TABBED PRESEASON FAVORITE IN 23RD
NORTH COAST MEN'S LACROSSE SEASON**

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

The Big Red, who posted a 5-0 league mark and a 10-6 overall record last spring, earned five of six available first-place votes from league coaches to total 35 points. Ohio Wesleyan, last year's runner up, finished second with 30 points and the final first-place vote. Wooster (23), the fourth place squad in '06, was picked to finish third this year followed by Kenyon (20) in fourth and Wittenberg (10) and Oberlin (8) in spots five and six, respectively.

Denison will once again be led by head coach **Matt McGinnis**, who helmed the team to its ninth NCAC championship and 14th NCAA appearance last spring. Denison returns eight starters and 25 letterwinners from last year's squad, including sophomore **Dan Maude (Wayne, PA/Haverford)**, the 2006 NCAC Newcomer of the Year.

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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2007 NCAC Preseason Men's Lacrosse Poll

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

- 1. Denison (5).....35
- 2. Ohio Wesleyan (1)30
- 3. Wooster23
- 4. Kenyon20
- 5. Wittenberg10
- 6. Oberlin.....8