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NCAC Field Hockey Special

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**KENYON PICKED TO WIN AS 24TH NCAC
FIELD HOCKEY SEASON BEGINS**

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CLEVELAND, Ohio -- Defending NCAC tournament champion Kenyon has emerged as the favorite in preseason balloting by NCAC field hockey coaches.

The Ladies paced all teams in the poll with five of seven first-place votes for 46 points, topping defending NCAC champion Wooster, which totalled 34 points. Wittenberg finished third with 30 points, followed by Denison with 28 points and one first-place vote. Oberlin was right behind with 23 points and the remaining first-place nod, followed closely by Ohio Wesleyan with 22 points. Earlham was picked to finish seventh with 13 points.

Kenyon is 28-13 (.683) during the two-year tenure of head coach **Chrissy Kilroe**, last season's NCAC Coach of the Year. The Ladies expect to return 14 letterwinners and eight starters from last year's squad which finished with a 18-7 mark and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Senior **Lauren Keiling (Blairstown, NJ/Blair Academy)** and junior **Perrin Legg (Baltimore, MD/Bryn Mawr)** are returning first team All-NCAC performers for Kenyon. Junior goalkeeper **Karen Thompson (Mechanicsburg, PA/Mechanicsburg Area)** also returns after tying the conference record with 12 shutouts last season.

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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2007 NCAC Field Hockey Poll

North Coast Athletic Conference 2007 preseason field hockey poll
(first-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points):

- 1. Kenyon (5).....46
- 2. Wooster.....34
- 3. Wittenberg.....30
- 4. Denison (1).....28
- 5. Oberlin (1).....23
- 6. Ohio Wesleyan22
- 7. Earlham.....13